DeKalb County
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Francis Smith	Sept 5 1837
Marie Gunsenhouser	unsigned
✓ John Platter	Sept 5 1837
Emeline Walden	unsigned
Dan Coats	Jan 18 1838
Mary Allen	unsigned
Walter Slaughter	Feb 28 1838
Mary Ackley (Allen)	unsigned
William McClure	Mar 12 1838
Eva Moody	unsigned
Aaron Vealey	May 6 1838
Elinor Nelson	unsigned
Hawley Netterfield	June 9 1838
Miranda A. Babcock	unsigned
Noah Brooks	June 26 1838
Lydia Abbott	unsigned
✓ Lemuel DePew	Aug 7 1838
Eunice Belle Moore	unsigned
William Watson	Aug 8 1838
Elizabeth Smith	unsigned
John W. Rose	Aug 8 1838
Elizabeth Coats	unsigned
Adam Bartle	Aug 11 1838
Prudence Boice	unsigned
Roland Charles Hollister	Nov 10 1838
Fanny Coleman	unsigned
Elias Smith	Nov 16 1838
Thursey Watson	unsigned
✓ Peter Simon	Dec 25 1838
Louisa Fair	unsigned
✓ John Rhodes	Jan 19 1939
Hannah Crouch	unsigned
Michael Robinson	Feb 6 1839
Reason R. Spurrier	unsigned
James Thomas	Feb 11 1839
Eunice Strong	unsigned
James Means	Mar 8 1839
Isabel Watson	unsigned

William R. Herbert Wealthy Stearns	Apr 29 1839 unsigned
Joseph Johnson Betsey Nelson	May 3 1839 unsigned
John Rotnoor Abigail Robe	May 25 1839 unsigned
Peter S Vester Annabella Widney	July 1 1839 unsigned
Cornelius Widener Elizabeth Bartlett	July 9 1839 unsigned
Ashel Chapell Elizabeth Campbell	Aug 18 1839 unsigned
Charles Watson Rachael Wyatt	Aug 26 1839 unsigned
✓ William Rhodes Betsey Boyle	Sept 25 1839 unsigned
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John Houlton Nancy Lewis	Nov 21 1839 unsigned
William Tanner Eliza Dickinson	Nov 28 1839 unsigned
Isaac Eakright Emily Handy	Dec 9 1839 unsigned
Uri Phillips Phoebe Abbott	Dec 23 1839 unsigned
Striper Hinkle Olive Barker	Dec 24 1839 unsigned
Jacob McClish Leonora Chaffee	Jan 7 1840 unsigned
William S. Goodill Catherine Herrick	Jan 15 1840 unsigned
Samuel Wasson Eliza Means	Jan 19 1840 unsigned
Elias Gilpin Susan Fetter	Jan 30 1840 unsigned
John Moody x Mary Ann Patterson	Mar 28 1840 unsigned

Isaac Lawhead	Mar 30 1840
Jane M. Widney	unsigned
Asa Shaw	April 27 1840
Elizabeth Allen	unsigned
Nathaniel Fitch	June 10 1840
Sarah DeLong	unsigned
John Bates	June 23 1840
Mary Jane Hanes	unsigned
Ephraim B. Strong	May 21 1840
Mariette Robinson	unsigned
Edward Deeter	July 17 1840
Mary Kinsley	unsigned
Charles Rohrbaugh	August 31 1840
Rebecca Nelson	unsigned
Martin A. King	September 10 1840
Hannah Houlton	unsigned
Zachariah Ackley	November 12 1840
Catherine Hull	unsigned
Jacob Sheets	November 28 1840
Ellen Burdine	unsigned
Jeremiah Norris	December 15 1840
Anne Casebier	unsigned
William F. Monroe	February 12 1840
Naoma Freeman	unsigned
Hezekiah Hoard	February 17 1840
Anne Wilcox	unsigned
Alanson Abby	Feb 20 1840
Mary Ann Boice	unsigned
William Norris	Feb 27 1840
Jane Thatcher	unsigned
Michael Miller	June 6, 1841
Elizabeth Trusel	unsigned
John Fitch Coburn	July 18 1841
Abrada Matilda Gay	unsigned
Samuel Fought	August 26 1841
Mary Whicker Mary Polly Hand Vandolah	unsigned
Archibald Frink	September 6 1841
Margaret Freeman	unsigned

George Moore	September 11 1841
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Riley Jacobs	September 18 1841
Catherine Forshey	unsigned
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Celestia Hanes	unsigned
Andrew Wells	November 3 1841
Margaret Worthington	unsigned
? Benjamin Alton	November 15 1841
Sally Coburn	unsigned
Shaderick Wyatt	December 16 1841
Lucinda Pellett	unsigned
Joseph Boyer	December 18 1841
Sarah Jackman	unsigned
Samuel Learned	December 27 1841
Jemima S. Beard	unsigned
John H. Gleason	January 13 1842
Emily Boice	unsigned
John Stevens	January 15 1842
Mary Slaughter	unsigned
David Blain	February 14 1842
Nancy Smith	unsigned
Trueman Brotherton	February 23 1842
Nancy Jackson	unsigned
Lorenzo D. Owen	February 23 1842
Caroline Overacker	unsigned
Samuel Gingerish	February 23 1842
Regina McAndroffer	unsigned
Amasa Smith	April 27 1842
Isabell Norris	unsigned
Lyron Overacker	April 29 1842
Hannah Eakright	unsigned
John Wright	November 29 1842
Nancy Bartlet	unsigned
Daniel Tomlinson	May 3 1842
Sarah Williams	unsigned
William Wyatt	June 13 1842
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George Oliver Sophronia Monroe	December 2 1842 unsigned
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James Boreman	March 12 1843
Barbara Frazier	unsigned
Sylvester Carvin	March 27 1843
Mary Dermott	unsigned
Isaac Reed	April 1 1843
Harriet Hackley	unsigned
Adam D. Harkness	April 8 1843
Amanda E. Hura	unsigned
Reuben Johnson	May 20 1843
Clive M. Miller	unsigned
Richard King	May 26 1843
Elizabeth Bailey	unsigned
David Casper	May 29 1843
Elizabeth Chappell	unsigned
Adam Rohrbaugh	June 2 1843
Sarah McEndroffer	unsigned
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Peter Hotestine	June 26 1843
Jane Blair	unsigned
David Fisher	July 18 1843
Mary Martin'	unsigned
James Blake	August 9 1843
Dalinda Smith	unsigned
William Magginnis	August 19 1843
Rosanna Miser	unsigned
Daniel Haynes	August 28 1843
Melissa Chappell	unsigned
√ Benjamin Parker	August 29 1843
Mary Ann Maltby	unsigned
William Crooks	September 2 1843
Nancy A. Rose	unsigned
Peter Fleck	September 4 1843
Lucretia Brook	unsigned
Joseph Pease	September 5 1843
Eliza Matthew	unsigned
Ephraim C. Handy	October 10 1843
Celeste Handy	unsigned

Ulysus Calkins Arsina Livermore	February 19 1844 unsigned
John Carvin Lucy M. Culver	March 6 1844 unsigned
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Michael Knight Sarah Johnson	March 27 1844 unsigned
Noble Cherry Mary Jane Hubbell	March 30 1844 unsigned
Elisha H. Brooks Laura Bartlett	April 8 1844 unsigned
George A. Barns Elmira Melville	May 15 1844 unsigned
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Samuel Weller Margaret Young	June 17 1844 unsigned
John Lindsey Lucy Ann Jacqua	June 27 1844 unsigned
√ Hugh Maxwell Mary Ann Ash	July 7 1844 unsigned
James H. Benson Sarah A. Smith	July 9 1844 unsigned
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John Chase Chloe Johnson	August 31 1844 unsigned
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William Webster Lovina A. Barber	October 30 1844 unsigned

Elias Osbun Mary Ann Watson	November 18 1844 unsigned
Zebulon Croy Sarah Gorrell	December 19 1844 unsigned
John Watson Fanny Stewart	January 4 1845 unsigned
George W. Babcock Laura Strong	January 29 1845 unsigned
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George K. Phillips Sarah Luther	February 12 1845 unsigned
Enos Smith Jr. Mary Jane Moody	February 18 1845 unsigned
David Martin Lydia Ann Shearer	March 1 1845 unsigned
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Samuel Foster Emeline Haswell	April 14 1845 unsigned
David Barnes Ellen Slater	May 3 1845 unsigned
John Myers Barbara McEndorffer	May 8 1845 unsigned
John Martin Almira Cole	May 17 1845 unsigned
Seneca Coll Nancy Babcock	May 20 1845 unsigned
√ John F. Bailey Mary Ann Means	May 24 1845 unsigned
William Knisely Elizabeth Snyder	May 31 1845 unsigned
John Brooks Antonette Willis	June 4 1845 unsigned

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Last Name, Bride or Groom:	**First Name, Bride or Groom:**	**Last Name, Spouse:**	**First Name, Spouse:**	**County:**	**Date:**	**Remarks:**
Fitch	Comodore P	Claycomb	Margaret E.	Knox	3-3-1849	
Fitch	Corrilla	Burton	George	Rush	3-16-1848	
Fitch	Dewitt C.	Hayes	Leah T.	Dearborn	8-20-1850	
Fitch	Eliza	Barkman	Andrew	Knox	1-20-1847	
Fitch	Elmira	Gugel	David	Jefferson	5-30-1833	
Fitch	Hannah Ann	Suire	Francis E.	Jefferson	4-17-1844	
Fitch	James F.	Hammersley	Charlotte	Lawrence	3-10-1847	license
Fitch	Jane	Miles	Levi	Crawford	11-25-1821	
Fitch	Jane Eliza	Gazlay	Theodore	Dearborn	10-23-1845	
Fitch	John	Beavers	Syntha	Scott	2-1-1838	
Fitch	John R. Equire	Resh	Rebecca	Bartholomew	2-10-1850	
Fitch	Joseph	Simonson	Anna	Wayne	11-1-1849	
Fitch	Laura	Donohue	John	Jefferson	6-5-1839	
Fitch	Lois Frances	Ewbank	Thomas	Dearborn	5-7-1827	
Fitch	Mary	Bradley	Stephen	Cass	3-1-1837	
Fitch	Mary	Monroe	Silas	Scott	9-22-1845	
Fitch	Mary Ann	Pitcher	Oliver S.	Jefferson	12-29-1841	
Fitch	Mary M.	Richard	William S.	Bartholomew	2-4-1849	
Fitch	Mason C.	Paxson	Maria Ann	Floyd	3-31-1821	
Fitch	Nancy Ann	Monroe	Samuel B. S.	Jefferson	7-18-1844	
Fitch	Nathaniel	DeLong	Sarah	Dekalb	6-10-1840	
Fitch	Oscar F.	Shirk	Phebe Ann	Franklin	10-18-1848	
Fitch	Polly	Scarlett	Samuel	Orange	2-10-1846	license
Fitch	Salathael	Morehouse	Elizabeth	Rush	8-24-1847	
Fitch	Samuel W.	Wantland	Elizabeth	Bartholomew	1-24-1847	

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Last Name, Bride or Groom:	First Name, Bride or Groom:	Last Name, Spouse:	First Name, Spouse:	County:	Date:	Remarks:
Fitch	Sarah M.	Gerrad	Jerome B.	Ohio	6-3-1846	B. F. Morres, M.G.
Fitch	Sophena	Spade	Senel	Ripley	6-3-1844	
Fitch	Susan	Simmons	Alexander	Wayne	11-1-1849	
Fitch	Sylvester	Cox	Susannah	Orange	8-30-1849	
Fitch	Thomas	Wiley	Margaret	Hendricks	1-9-1845	
Fitch	Thomas	Jones	Mary	Orange	11-12-1843	
Fitch	Thomas B.	Reed	Nancy Jane	Jefferson	3-19-1846	
Fitch	W.M. Geo.	Washington	Jane Jordan	Knox	12-1-1823	
Fitch	William J.	Land	Sintha Luisa	Crawford	2-2-1837	
Fitchen	Frances	Thomas	Rachel	Tippecanoe	11-21-1834	
Fitchhorn	Samuel	McKennan	Elizabeth	Wayne	1-13-1850	
Fitchjarrel	Hannah	Siers	William	Franklin	1-18-1813	lic.
Fitchjiles	Martin	Russell	Jarusa	Marion	4-11-1837	
Fitchpatrick	Ann	George	Hiram	Franklin	2-7-1828	
Fitchpatrick	Mahalia Jane	Lumey	Elijah	Lawrence	3-24-1847	license
Fitchpatrick	Mary F.	Harley	Alexander B.	Clinton	10-21-1847	
Fitchpatrick	Salli	Cook	John	Monroe	2-28-1830	
Fitchpatrick	Samuel	Walker	Ruth	Monroe	2-18-1830	
Fitchpatrick	Sara	George	William Jr.	Franklin	2-4-1836	
Fitchthorn	Francis	Ranck	Martha	Wayne	3-3-1838	
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Last Name, Bride or Groom:	First Name, Bride or Groom:	Last Name, Spouse:	First Name, Spouse:	County:	Date:	Remarks:
DELONG	AISLEY	WASHBURN	JEREMIAH	Marion	3-16-1849	
DELONG	ALEXANDER W	MORGAN	ELIZABETH	Huntington	5-23-1850	
DELONG	ASA	POTEE	ELIZABETH	Wells	2-23-1860	
DELONG	DAVID	BALLARD	SUSAN	Marion	5-8-1834	
DELONG	DAVID	RAGSDALE	SALLY	Marion	3-7-1843	
DELONG	GEORGE	DAILEY	MARY ANN	Dekalb	6-17-1852 OR 11-3-1853	Prob. James George
DELONG	HENRY	THOMAS	ESTER M	Jay	3-8-1846	
DELONG	ISAAC	AMACK	SARAH	Franklin	11-18-1832	
DELONG	JACOB	HOOVER	JEMIMA	Bartholomew	6-1-1848	
DELONG	JACOB	HILL	EVELINE	Marion	9-00-1800	(DATE NOT PROPERLY RECORDED)
DELONG	JACOB	TOLBERT	SARAH	Shelby	6-20-1833	
DELONG	JOHN	HOSIER	ELIZABETH	Jay	10-6-1842	
DELONG	JOHN	OVERLY	HARRIET	Marion	7-11-1847	
DELONG	JONATHAN H	GINN	REBECCA	Delaware	3-5-1846	
DELONG	MARY JANE	COULSON	JAMES C	Jay	10-3-1850	
DELONG	RICHARD M	PARRISH	NANCY ANN	Marion	5-31-1840	
DELONG	SAMUEL	LEAR	ALSEY G	Marion	11-29-1841	
DELONG	SARAH	FITCH	NATHANIEL	Dekalb	6-10-1840	
DELONG	SARAH	JOHNSON	JOHN	Marion	12-30-1847	
DELONG	SYLVIA	TUCKER	HENRY	Dekalb	9-30-1855	
DELONG	WALTER	MAGEE	CATHERINE	Tippecanoe	5-15-1845	LICENSE
DELONG	WASHINGTON	WEINER	MARY	Allen	4-29-1847	Wiemer
DELONG	WILLIAM	BALLARD	MARTHA	Marion	11-5-1850	
DELONG	WILLIAM	PARRISH	SARAH JANE	Marion	12-22-1836	

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Spencerville

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FOREWARD---Just a word about the writing of this history. As early as 1913 it was talked about but got no farther than wishful thinking until about 3 years ago when vitamins became popular, it too took on new life and began to materialize. We were considerably handicapped because so much of our history data was destroyed in the burning of the court house and most of its contents in 1913. Nevertheless those interested went to work and it was only through them that it was made possible. The commissioners made available their records, private parties dug up their deeds, abstracts for dates, newspaper clippings, genealogies, private letters, copies of the old local news as published by our merchants of that date, copies of the St. Joe News, access to the Fort Wayne News of the thirties and forties, and stories of events as handed down by our forebearers, all united to make the history instructive and entertaining for which we are grateful and thank you all for your history.

DR. WILLIS W. CAREY.

HISTORY OF SPENCERVILLE

Spencerville was first known as a river settlement on the big bend of the St. Joe. Its first settler, Thomas Lovel Yates, came up the river from Fort Wayne, selected his land and filed his claim at the U. S. land office in Fort Wayne September 13, 1833. Before the county was surveyed, land claims were identified by leaving marks on trees, piles of stone, or mention of other natural phenomena such as waterfalls, rivers, lakes, outstanding trees, and by creating huge brush piles, log heaps, etc. Land was plentiful and no border disputes recorded at this time. After the organization of the county in 1836-37, the descriptions became more accurate. John Houghton was the first settler in the county and filed his claim on Fish Creek in the northeast corner of the county, on September 3, 1833; Thomas L. Yates in the southeast corner on September 13, 1833. John Houghton had been working for his brother Samuel Houghton, who had built a mill on Fish Creek, east of the state line, in Williams County, Ohio in 1827. Some people are confused by the two Houghton brothers, Sam on Fish Creek in Williams County, Ohio and John Houghton on Fish Creek in DeKalb County, Indiana. In a letter to Samuel Widney, John Houghton says he had no neighbors within ten miles. The first settlers coming in to this section came from Fort Wayne and up the St. Joe River. Soon the news of the fertility of the land and valuable forests led the more adventurous to brave the black swamps and dense forest of Ohio and where the Indiana trail was, soon appeared roads, fords gave way to bridges and the settlers came in on foot, horse back, and covered wagons. Thomas Lovel Yates, the first settler, came from Ohio by the way of Fort Wayne and settled on the river bank in what is now Spencerville, registering his claim in the U. S. land office at Fort Wayne on September 13, 1833. The second family to come in was David Butler, who married a sister of T. L. Yates and filed his claim October 12, 1833. His grandson now owns and lives on the farm which has never been out of the Butler family. Others follow: John Dawson, November 11, 1833; Isaac Patterson, November 22, 1833; John Mathews, November 20, 1833; Hector Blake, December 24, 1833; and Samuel Wasson, a bachelor. By the end of 1833, we had six families in and within a half mile of the town. In 1834, we had Peter Sunderland, February 10, 1834, and Daniel Rhodes, September 2, 1834, and another bachelor, Nelson Ulm. In 1835 we have John Crippen, January 5, 1835; Joseph L. Cabbott, January 5; Jabes Wright, May 30; Samuel Miller, June 6; Nehimah Clark, July 10; John Spencer, September 1; John Latta, November 7; Daniel Brandt, November 7; John F. Rhodes, November 14, and John Rhodes, December 2, 1835. In 1836 we had Joseph Cabbott, and Henry Elsworth, April 6, 1836; Levi Lockwood, July 14, 1836; Wm. DePew and

Joseph DePew, both Dec. 5, 1836. This accounts for all lands lying in the 4 sections and in which Spencerville lies. Previous to the organization of the county in 1837-'38 the township in the southeast corner of DeKalb County was first called DeKalb and included Stafford and Newville townships. In 1838 they detached Stafford and Newville and called the township Concord. In 1909 it was again divided, the upper half retained the name Concord and the south half called Spencer Township. To many of us it would be interesting to know who lived on these various entries. The Thomas L. Yates farm sold to Ruben J. Dawson in 1836 is now a part of the town. David Butler, just south of the Dawson farm; Merritt Butler, Isaac Patterson known as the Dove farm, east of the bridge, now owned by Claud Laub. John Davis on place across the river known as the Murrey farm and so far as is known no one ever lived on it. John Mathew, south of town, now owned by Fred Steward. Hector Blake, south of Butler's known as the Carnes farm, now owned by Roscoe Garmen. The farm in the big bend and entered by John Dawson now owned by Winnie Shook and Aubrey Wade. In a news item appearing in The Fort Wayne News, 1833, John Dawson speaks of his land and he found two families living on it. These were a Mr. Brandt and Cramel Rood. These people were known to be there up to 1837, but their names do not occur in any tax list or as witnesses to deeds or wills of an early day. This class was called "squatters." Daniel Rhodes, north of town, now owned by Mervin Rhodes, a grandson; Peter Sunderland place south of town, now owned by Charles Furnish, know as the Sam Bair place; Jeremiah Rhodes came in 1835 and settled in the northern part of Concord Township. Henry E. Ellsworth place, known as the Coder farm, now owned by Sol Goldsmith. Joseph and William De Pew now known as the S. S. Shutt farm and owned by various parties. The Levi Lockwood place, known as the Dilley farm, now owned by Roy Harper. Samuel Wasson place now owned in part by his grandson, Bert Wasson. The Joseph Cabbot place across from the grist mill now owned by Mrs. DeLoss White. Jabes Wright now owned by Chaney Bros. The Samuel Miller known as the William Henderson farm. I believe this accounts for all the land lying in the sections in which Spencerville is now located. In naming these various settlers and their location I consider them as much a part of the town as the ones who live within the original plot. The old town the hub and none more than ¾ of a mile from center. They were not only dependent, one on another their children attended the same school, the same churches, traded in the same stores, received their mail and had a part in the social and financial development of the town. The following data has been obtained from government deeds issued by the United States. I am enclosing plats of sections No. 28-29-32 and 33, which were traced from the aerial map record in the AAA office and are remarkably accurate to the scale of 1 inch to 40 rods. On these plats I have shown the various tracts as originally entered in the land office for the district at Fort Wayne giving the acreage of each tract, the name under which it was entered and the date of entry. Abstracts, old deeds, personal letters, commissioners' records, biographies and many from items from the Fort Wayne News as published by John Dawson. By this time the county was organized, 1837-38. Not much accomplished in 1837, but a few appointive officers among them Thomas L. Yates, probate judge. By 1838 more delegates attended and commissioners appointed men to provide revenue to support the county and pay state taxes. Three men from various sections were appointed to appraise land for tax assessment. A state tax for $1.35 on each hundred dollar valuation of land; 85c going to the county and 50c for roads. Poll tax. 75c and levied a tax called a license to sell good, run hotels, etc. A man operating a tavern paid $20 for license. A merchant to sell goods was required to enumerate the articles he had for sale and amount of money invested. The first license was issued to Thomas Freeman, March 7, 1838, listing domestic and foreign goods and groceries. Value invested, $175.00; tax, 85 cents. You will find this varies in amount as quoted by various writer. Joseph Peas of Spencerville, March 10, 1838, fee $5. On the same date one to Ruben J. Dawson, Joseph Sawtell Agent, fee $5.00. Dawson gave his stock value at $1000, the fee quoted $5.00. A man selling wooden clocks, $60.00; iron and composition clocks, $25.00, and limited to 12 clocks a year. A license to Exhibit a caravan, menagerie or show wax figures or a circus, $40.00 a day. A later assessment praised the farm land at 1 ½ cents per acre; poll tax, $1.00. Money was scarce as most of the settlers used all their cash to buy land. The had but little land available for cultivating and most of the trade was by barter. Timber value was low. Walnut logs 12 feet long and 2 feet through sold at $1 per 1000 feet; poplar at $1.30 and oak at $1.00. Cash for the walnut and ½ cash for the others; the rest

in trade. The merchants buying furs, hides, maple sugar, roots of various plants like ginseng and snake root, pepermint and wood ashes, charcoal and bees wax. The Fort Wayne News for April, 1845, carries this ad: "A. B. Miller will buy potash and pay highest prices for ashes by the bushel and $1.00 a hundred pounds for black salts." (Black salts was the name given a product from the Asheries.) See Asheries. Another Ad: "Grocery---wanted or a right smart choice of butter and pretty considerable lot of eggs. Another for deer and bear skins. At this time the county paid $1.00 for wolf heads and 50c for small ones. At first they were allowed to retain the head. Some time later, they had to present them to their local justice of the peace who marked them and after having a few collected destroyed them. There must have been dishonest men way back. Flour sold at $14.00 a barrel; corn $1.50 to $2.00; salt, $2.25 bushel. A man worked from sunrise to sunset for 50c a day; hired men, $15.00 a month; hired girls, 75c to $1.00 a week. By this time the commissioners had gotten around to do something on roads and set aside $1200 for the Coldwater road (Auburn to Fort Wayne) and $400 for a road to run on the north and west side of the St. Joe river, and ordered several bridges built. Ruben J. Dawson surveyed the road but it was deemed impractical and new survey was made by John Blair, John Webster and Hector Blake, which one is the Grand Daddy of State Road 1. Around 1894-95, that portion between the county line and St. Joe was made a graveled pike. Those who remember the early roads when it took 4 to 5 hours to go to Fort Wayne, now 40 to 50 minutes considered slow work. In July, 1836, Ruben J. Dawson bought the Yates farm. Realizing the natural setting for water power he set aside 30 acres for mill purposes. Hiring Joseph Sawtell of Fort Wayne as his agent to oversee the building of the dam, saw mill, operate a general store and build a grist mill. The first dam was completed in the fall of 1838 and went out in the high water of '38. By 1839 they were at it again. Mr. Sawtell profiting by his former experience, diverting the water around the dam by opening or enlarging the entrance of a creek on the Murray Bros. farm. He drove his logs or spies, deep into the ground and criss-crossed huge logs, filling the inner spaces with stone, and had a dam that stood for many years. It was so high that a man could stand under the over flow. Labor being scarce and no machines at that date it was slow work, but by 1840, the saw mill was operating. At this time no question of water rights arose, although there was a law regulating the building of dams. Perhaps Mr. Dawson thought he was secure with the high bank on the west side and he and his brother owning the east, the necessity of the mill far out weighing water rights. Up to this time, 1840, there had been no official record of the town as Spencerville. In March, 1842, Ruben J. Dawson filed his plot and recorded April 7, 1842. Just why Mr. Dawson was so dilatory in filing we don't know. But we do know that the town was now being known as Spencerville. In the Fort Wayne News for July, 1841, says Mr. Ruben J. Dawson was moving to his estate at Spencerville, where he had large interest in a saw mill, grist mill and other real estate to better oversee his property. It was during this time that he changed agents, Mr. Sawtell being replaced by Mr. George Barney. Two years before the plat was filed at Auburn and in the Postmaster General's official register of postoffices and postmasters, Joseph E. Sawtell was appointed postmaster for Spencerville November 14, 1839; Ruben J. Dawson, July 20, 1841. A letter written by Samuel Widney in 1838 speaks of Spencerville and in the Osborn story, of the winter of 1837-38 refers to Spencerville. This is a good time to correct some of the earlier writers who should have known, but failed to investigate, and said the town was founded by John Spencer, and named Spencerville. The record show that the plot was planned or laid out on the Dawson farm and called Spencerville by Ruben J. Dawson in honor of his brother-in-law, Col. John Spencer, at this time Collector of Monies for the U. S. land office in Fort Wayne. The plot shows 38 lots, each 60 feet wide and 150 feet deep, the lots run north and south, facing east and west streets. The first street you come to coming in from the south, running east and west is called Mill Street. All east and west streets started from the river. All lots south of the first alley, south of Mill Street were not included in the plot but were small sites sold later by Mr. Dawson to the Caflins, A. J. Dawson, Dan Oberholtzer and Soloman Bowman. The same is true of the Chaney and Leighty properties on the west. The next street running east and west I known as Pearl Street and the next one north is on the section line and called Auburn Street. The first street running north and south is Main Street. The next one east of Main, first called Front Street and later changed to Water Street. Lot No. 1 corresponds to the Mrs. Winnie Shook residence on the river bank. Lot 7 would be the Dr. Emanuel residence. Lot 32 would be

the Barney store; lot 33 the old parsonage, now Frank Beam's residence. The first addition north was plotted by Henry H. Fales, called the northern addition and recorded June 14, 1848, and consisted of 26 lots. First Street north of Auburn Street running east and west, was called Washington Street. Lot No.1, now owned by the factory, was previously occupied by Peter Bishop's bob tailed horse. Lot No. 7, the Rhodes Hotel. The lots along the river not included in the plot. The Second Fales (northern) addition was filed October 4, 1905, and consisted of 26 lots. Lot No. 1, now owned by Beeks Erick and No. 2 the site of the new Masonic Hall. Parts of lots 5,6,7,8 Fales Addition occupied by Roy Maurer filling station and residence. As the addition was plotted before the time State Road One was put down, the lots vary in position and size. The town growing, we have another addition to the north, known as the Claud Heffner addition of 6 lots dated August 25, 1947, which lied on the north side of the road. Another addition just north of this one by W. F. and Flossie Rhodes consisted of 6 lots and dated November 18, 1948. To the west we have the Shutt and Henderson addition in 1904 or 1905. The Shutt addition on the north side both 1 row of lots deep and face Auburn road extended. The south side now begin all occupied and the north about ½ from school house to the Wabash railroad. The first business and residence of interest was around the corner and just above the dam, and by 1837 we had the dam, a saw mill in the rough, a hotel just east of the corner property, now owned by Harve Kimes. One on the church lawn owned by Jeremiah Rhodes. A store in the Joseph Peas cabin on the river bank, across from the Tom Murray residence. One on the east side of the alley run by Joseph Sawtell for R. J. Dawson. A double log cabin on the mill yard built by Samuel Wasson and Nelson Ulm. One on the river bank built by the Mathew brothers and later occupied by the Jacob Dills and Dr. Emanuel families. A cabin on Zimmerman lot, lived in by Joseph Sawtell 1837 across the street, one built by Thomas L. Yates and to the east on the river bank a small cabin lived in by Mrs. Mary Skinner Keifer. One on the corner of Washington and Water, lived in by Moses Boyle, now Bowser stock barn west opposite the school house John T. Rhodes and south Joseph Sawtell on the Barney lot in 1838, Henry Miller on the lot back of Barney store. Hector Blake on the Dawson farm and David Butler on the Butler farm. Across the river and opposite the first bridge we have a Mr. Brandt and Conwell Rood. There were probably other lots I fail to find authentic records of. I think this brings us up to 1838, when the county was organized. From 1838 to 1842, when the town was plotted we have George Barney and Henry Fales on the river bank and who later built separate cabins, but are not registered as land owners at this date. Later there was a cabin on the George Houck place now owned by Mrs. Wilmer Sechler and probably lived in by John or Jeremiah Rhodes, sons of John R. Rhodes, who lived across the road. Now we are up to the filing or recording of the plot and from now on, its sure Spencerville. The second dam having been built in 1839 an upright saw mill was installed. The mill was at first open and not put under cover until later, first sawing its own lumber for construction. The logs were hauled into the mill for sawing by a block and tackle system. The low carts, the pleasure cars for small boys on Sunday afternoons. The north door of the mill opened the dam, a favorite place where one could watch the swirling water and oft times a trysting place for lovers. A good story is told of one of our later professional men. One night when riding his father's horses to water, a forlorn maiden appeared on the apron of the dam and threatened to throw herself in the water if he didn't return as her lover. He is said to have said "go ahead" and rode off. Both lived to love another day. Mr. Dawson added a planing mill as is attested by the fine lumber used in the construction of the grist mill. Mr. Dawson dying in 1859, the mill was sold in the sixties to Zimmerman and Murray. Previously to building a dam, we had the home-made corn crusher, made out of a log some 3 feet high. One end was hollowed out by boring and burning, cleaned out and the corn crushed by a huge pedestal or pole. This was the source of many corn cakes. The first water mill was erected on Bear Creek north of where S. Joe now is, by William Mathews who lived on the Dills farm. The stones were about 2 feet in diameter and were turned by a flutter wheel on an upright post set in a tub, through one side of which the water flowed. Corn dripped a grain at a time. A bushel of corn taking 24 hours for crushing. An early saw mill was built for John Zimmerman on his farm west of town by Peter Bowman of Butler, according to the DeKalb county history published in 1914. By 1850, Elias Zimmerman had bought the mill and in 1853 moved to Leo and operated a mill until 1873 when he came to Spencerville to relieve his father who was ill. John Zimmerman dying, 1875 Elias moved

to Auburn. The first settlers forded the river, but it was not long until a bridge was built and it stood north of the present bridge some 5 or 600 feet. For many years one of the foundation logs could be seen on the east bank. The west end rested on a support and the road followed the south bank up to the saw mill. The bridge floor was of logs, hewed flat on one side to better lay on the cross logs and was said to flop over if driven across with to much speed. The side rail was the only protection and Cora Stewart well remembers crossing the bridge to Sunday School, and Ezra Horn of breaking through while taking a load of wheat to the mill. There has been much controversy as to when the present red bridge was built. For years there was sign on the bridge giving the date and names of the commissioners and builders. The sign having disappeared led to dispute. After much researching of the commissioners, records by John Zimmerman, he found the following record. Record "F," Page 440, June 4, 1873—Petition to Commissioners filed by A. Leichty and others for the construction of a bridge over the Little St. Joe River in Concord Township. Record "F," Page 449, September 1, 1873--- Parties present bids for the building of a bridge over the St. Joe River, near Spencerville according to the legal notices published in the Waterloo Press and the Auburn Courier, two newspapers published in DeKalb County. The board being fully advised award contract as per specification on file, to John A. McKay, for the construction of abutments and superstructure, Board agrees to pay said McKay, the sum of twenty-three dollars per lineal foot for one hundred forty six feet of the bridge which amount is to be paid as fast as the material is furnished and the work progresses upon the order of the Board. Said bridge is to be finished on or before November 1, 1873, in accordance with contract. Record "F," Page 451, September 2, 1873---Board ordered payment to John McKay of twelve dollars for drawings and specifications of the bridge. Record "F," Page 552, March 2, 1874---Board made payment to William Richardson, as superintendent, the sum of $202.50 for services as superintendent of the bridge near Spencerville and other bridges in the county.(Note---This man, William Richardson, was a member of the Board of Commissioners---and was president of the Board.) The bridge has served long and well and has withstood many high waters. The big flood of 1898 tested its security, the water reaching its sills, but while the levee gave way in many places, and the approach on the east end washed away, the bridge stood. This led to the re-enforcement of the levee on the north side by a heavy wall of planks nailed to heavy posts set deep in the ground and seemingly good for all time. The bridge stands now as the only land mark of early days and remembered by many, although Provines drug store built in 1874 is a close runner up. John Zimmerman and Henry Murray further improved the saw mill and buying timber, sawed it and sold in open market. After John Zimmerman's death Thomas Murray having moved to Spencerville he and his brother, Henry, bought the mill property for $2000. Henry having had considerable training in the grist mill, was the head miller. Tom has charge of the saw mill, later adding a handle factory and shipped handles by car load. Timber becoming more scarce and competition by the steam mills more acute the saw mill was abandoned in 1904-1905. Work in the meantime had been going on since 1839 in building the grist mill. Owing to the scarcity of help the grist mill's progress was slow. It stood 4 stories above a 2-story basement, its sills being from 12 to 14 inches square and from 30 to 40 feet long. The upper part of the building was in the same proportion. Two large stones were installed, one for corn and one for wheat. The first flour was ground in 1845 from wheat raised on the Dawson farm. Just who built the mill we don't know. In the Fort Wayne News, we find items stating that Mr. Henry Johns and Ruben Dawson had been at Spencerville inspecting his mill property. Henry Johns having built the Rudisill dam and mill, was probably there in an advisory capacity. Men who worked on the construction of the mill were John Zimmerman, George Barney, Henry Fales, Alexander DeVilbis and others. By 1885 Murray Bros. had removed the stone for grinding flour and installed rollers. This made a finer and whiter flour, which they called, Pearl Drop, the pride of St. Joe valley. After closing the saw mill, Mr. Tom Murray took over the marketing of the new flour, selling it in the surrounding towns. Thomas Murray died in 1911; Henry Murray retired and leased the grist mill to Gene Hensel and Clarence Gloyd for two years. Not meeting with satisfactory success, the mill was closed for a time and sold to Jake Grill, who installed electricity and ground feed. Grill died in 1917 and the mill was sold to Harvey Kimes, who sold the lumber for construction purposes and thus passed one of the best remembered land marks of the town. Just who worked in the grist mill through the various owners we know but few. During the Dawson ownership

we know of no one. Joseph Sawtell, the agent, was too busy at other things and there must have been a full time miller. With the Murray brothers we know of Joe Henderson, Milt Hush, Zack Keagy with George Wilson and Wall Fales as helpers, and Gene Hensel, miller. Men who worked at the saw mill were Frank and Vess Wise, Ami Baker, Wall Fales and others. We nearly forgot the race which furnished the water to run the grist mill. This was a big undertaking with so little help to be had. The race is nearly ¼ of a mile long and from 3 to 4 and 5 feet deep. The ground had to be removed by plows, scrapers and the ground built the wall on the east side. The west side following a low bank, made its own wall. The mill being nearly ready for work, and no water, Sawtell is said to have gone over to Antwerp and brought in a bunch of men working on the canal. No hotel facilities, he placed them in tents across the river from the mill. The Saturday night and Sunday celebrations furnished talk for the day. Any way he got the ditch dug and the water turned on and the mill operating for grinding corn in the fall of 1844. The first store in the settlement was in the cabin of Joseph Peas on the river bank. He was here in 1833 according to a news item about the death of his wife who was struck by lightning. The commissioners have passed a law, licensing storekeepers. We find him listed as licensed on March 1, 1838, to sell merchandise and groceries. How much longer I do not know, his name does not appear in any tax list or court record that I could find. The next store was that of Ruben J. Dawson, conducted by Joseph Sawtell and stood on the alley across from the George Smith residence. He too was issued a license in 1838 and again in 1841. The last license read for both local, foreign goods, together with drugs and medicines. The settlement grew, and Mr. Dawson feeling he should be more on the job, built a new store on the south end of Main Street, now known as the Olds store. Around this time an ad appeared in the Fort Wayne News in 1840. A grocery ad enumerates the following: "We carry a full supply of groceries, such as the best coffee, sugar, rice, salaratus, molasses along with cotton goods and a full line of nails, axes, shovels and log cabins"---typical of the Dawson stock. Later Mr. Dawson built a dwelling house attached to the store, and probably lived with his agent up to the time of his marriage in 1845. By 1843, Mr. Dawson had sold the store to Bushrood Catlin, who operated it with his son, Romeo. When Mr. Catlin was elected state representative in 1856, Romeo became sole proprietor. Mr. Bushrood Catlin died in 1860 and Romeo Catlin in 1862. They especially stressed patent medicine and drugs as a part of their stock. Around 1862, the stock was sold to Ainsworth Aldridge and John Furlo, who again sold it to S. N. Olds in 1866. Mr. Olds came in from Fort Wayne. He was assisted in the store by his sons as they became of age. Mort, being the eldest, was much interested in advertisement and printed a small local paper called the "News." We have Vol. 1, No. 2, presented by the Zona Horn estate and more directly by Mrs. Venice Folts, dated March 16, 1877. Mort Olds left Spencerville in 1878, married Ada Coder and moved to Newville where he clerked in the Coborn store. By 1880 he had moved to St. Joe and went into business with Enullus Case and started the St. Joe News in 1884. Will, coming on next, assisted in the store until his father retired in 1883. Mr. Olds bought the Cahill store in 1884 and established Will in the grocery and tin business. Henry Carmes joined him as a partner an after a year or so Will sold his share to Dan Bair. Will continued to handle the tin shop for a year and operated in the back room adjoining the store. He moved to St. Joe in 1886 and went in partners with Mort, buying out Mr. Case and running a dry goods and novelty store. Arthur Olds, the younger son, clerked in the grist mill and for the Chaney Bros. and went to Auburn in 1887. Simon Oches built a store on Mill Street across from the Oberholtzers, on the lot now owned by Mrs. Audrey Wade, around 1856. By 1862, he had sold the store to Henry Miller and John Meyers. Miller bought Meyers' share in 1863 and in 1864 placed Jake Leighty in charge. In 1864 John Leighty, Sr., had built the 2-story store on the corner of the alley on Main Street and bought the Miller stock in 1865, and we had Leighty and Son. Jake bought his father's share and ran the store until he sold it to Peter Bishop in 1874 and moved to St. Joe. Peter Bishop moved to town and placed his son, Al, in charge. Al Bishop, having clerked at the Harter store at Fort Wayne. Peter Bishop had 5 sons, Melvin, being in the lumber business already. Al Bishop moved to Auburn around 1870 and was associated with the Zimmerman Company. Will Bishop stayed with his father until around 1894 and moved to Michigan. Edd and John, stayed in the store until their father retired in 1898. Edd moved to Auburn and opened a cigar factory. John, also went to Auburn, clerked in the Harter store, operated a store in Michigan, returned to Auburn

and later moved to Blufton and opened a novelty store which he operated successfully until he died in 1926. Peter Bishop sold the store to Erick Brothers in 1888. Another store we know of, was run in the old log school house, back of the Barney stores and faced Auburn Street. The lot is now owned by Mr. Samuel Foltz. Marquis Rhodes and William Tindall, his brother-in-law operated the store. Mr. Rhodes having had experience by clerking in the Orff store at Fort Wayne. The store was opened in 1855 and by 1858 Mr. Rhodes moved to Auburn and Mr. Tindall disposed of the stock. The next large store was owned by Henry Miller and George Barney in 1865. Mr. Barney bought Miller's share and operated the store with the help of his sons. The first building was on the corner of Pearl and Main streets and the store is well remembered by many of us. He took his sons into the business as they reached the proper age. Sol., the oldest, after a few years had his father build a second building and opened a hardware, which he ran successfully until he moved to St. Joe in 1882. After Sol had entered the hardware, Frank came on—George Barney retiring in 1879—left the store in Frank and Mark's hands. Frank going to St. Joe around 1883, left Mark alone and he formed a partnership with Beeks Erick. The firm is now Barney and Erick, They ran a successful business until Mark retired and left for Ohio. Around this time the store was sold to John and Henry Beams and we have the Beams Bros. Beeks and Granville Erick formed a partnership and bought the Bishop store in 1888. John beams having been in the furniture business with Henry Fales, formed a partnership with his brother, Henry, and bought the Barney and Erick store in 1889. Henry Beams moved to town and they hired Edd as chief clerk. John retired around 1891, selling his share of the dry goods and groceries to Edd and Jack. Jack took over the hardware and Edd retained the dry goods and groceries. Around 1898 Edd took over the telephone exchange, later selling a share to Henry Beams. Edd died in 1915. Frank Beams bought Edd's share and after his father's death in 1922 bought the estate's share. He moved the exchange across the street and in 1948 sold it to Bill Miller. Frank sold the store stock to a party from Fort Wayne who disposed of the goods. Frank used the store for storage. The store was destroyed by fire when the block burned in 1938. With the fire many old land marks were destroyed. The store had been built in the sixties. Erick Bros. having hired Will as a clerk sold the store to Will and Fred Heilman and went to Oklahoma, opened a general store and went into the real estate game. Granville died in 1895. After a few years Will bought Fred's share, Fred moving to Fort Wayne in 1908. Business was slow and the merchants introduced various attractions serving to build up the trade. One outstanding one was introduced by Will Eric, called Clock Day. Every one making a purchase was given a ticket and allowed to guess when the clock would stop. Prizes were given for the correct answers. The clock having been wound, the face covered and properly timed so as to stop on clock day. The accompanying picture attests its popularity. At first the prizes were 5.00, 3.00 and 1.00 in cash, later other articles of merchandise were given. Will sold the store to George Gloyd and went into the bank as teller. Mr. Gloyd dying, the stock was sold to John Mathews who moved the stock elsewhere. During World War I the store was closed later used by the local Red Cross for relief work. The women of the town prepared bandages, sanitary dressings and night clothing or the soldiers. By 1921 Merritt Barney rented the store and installed a grocery, later he moved to Hicksville and had charge of the express office. Sold the stock to Higgins who sold it to Walter Baker, who ran it successfully for some years, putting grocery wagons on the road, and brought the grocery to the farmer's door. Will Sommers drove one of the wagons for several years dying one day while on route. Baker sold to Brown, who sold to Crawford. The Kimes having clerked for Mr. Crawford bought the store, put in new goods, installed better lighting and was just beginning to reap their reward when the store, its contents, and the Masonic Hall on the second floor were destroyed by fire on New Year's Eve in 1949. The fire destroyed a building built by Bob Beams, and sold by Will Erick to the Universal Tool-Die Co., and did considerable damage to the post office. After Beams Bros., moved their furniture to the old hardware store, Beams sold the building to Raymond Bowser and Connie Davis who operated a implement store, the store burned in 1910, and the firm dissolved. Davis moving to Battle Creek and Bowser going into the cattle business and built the large stock barn on the corner across from his home and long known as the Davie Bean residences. Around World War I, Bob Beams had built a store between the Bishop store and post office, entered partnership with Ernest Steward and sold the Overland automobile. The firm dissolved after a few years and Bob moved to Fort Wayne and

entered the real estate business. Steward moved to Garrett. The store was used as a restaurant, a saloon, and a barber ship. Later sold to the Universal Die Co. Burned in the big fire on New Year's Eve, 1949. Doyle Fisher having leased the old drug store room, put in a line of groceries, and was burned out on Christmas Eve, 1945. The store being vacant, Ray Bowser and William Reed bought the building and put in a new line of groceries and opened a gas station. They disbanded, Ray Bowser moved to St. Joe, and Bill Reed took over the gas station, adding a repair and accessory shop. By 1950 Mr. Reed's health caused him to sell to Douglass Poisel, and he retired. Around 1917 Frank Silberg built the brick store on the west side of main street, and opened up the first Ford garage. Frank organized a company to raise foxes. It was not a success and he lost all of his investment, including the store. The building was taken over by Frank Butler, Roscoe Waters and Will Erick. It was rented for various purposes, the last being the Heffner saloon and sold by Will Erick to the Universal Tool and Die Co. By this time the settlers were ready for new furniture and some for coffins. Our first coffin maker was Alexander DeVelbis. After he left town for the farm he erected a two-story building on his farm and manufactured fanning mills as well as coffins. Mr. DeVelbis dying in 1861, a few years later the family moved to Fort Wayne. Now comes Frederick Quinsy, 1862, a cabinet and coffin maker. He built a store on Pearl street across from Mrs. Oberholtzer, and put in a small line of furniture. Mr. Quinsy died in 1870. August Quinsy, his son, bought the stock and opened a new furniture store on the corner of Main and Pearl, known as the Restaurant building. He had a cabinet maker by the name of John King, who was a fine craftsman as shown by some of the present day heirloom. August Quinsy moved to St. Joe around 1884. August Quinsy ran the following add in the DeKalb Co. Annual for 1881. "Undertaking a speciality with picture of a hearse, With plumes drawn by a span of black horses, Embalming and its advantages, Restore the corpse to life-like appearance, Destroys offensive odors, Prevents spreading of disease, Arrests decomposition, Will preserve corpse for 3 to 10 days." In 1871, Henry Fales, built a furniture store on the Fletcher property, about where the factory now stands. Orange Fales joined his father in the business and by 1885 had sold his share to John Beams and moved to Elkhart. Baltzer Koontz was the cabinet maker and made fine cupboards, built by him, are popular antiques of today. John Beams went to Chicago and attended an embalming school, came home and they built an annex and carried a large line of factory coffins. By this time Henry had moved to town and we had our first Beams Bros. Their hearse equally elegant, flounted no plumes but had silver mountings and the horses, Ice Gebord's blacks. They carried a large line of furniture and on the walls, those huge chromos, no dining room complete without a fruit picture. After Jack built the block store they moved the furniture to the old hardware, sold the building to Bowser and Davis for an implement store. John Beams retiring in 1891, Henry continued the funeral business an served the country for miles around. Now we are wonderfully cared for by Roscoe Walters, so if you are as homely as a mud fence, you can feel assured you will end up looking like a contestant in a beauty contest, only with more clothes on. The slow walking horses have lost out to progress and you are whirled away by a Ford or a Packard and sure to arrive at St. Peter on time. The first hotel or tavern was ran by Aaron Fetters on Pearl street, and just west of where Harvey Kimes now lives. He was followed by Joseph Pease, it seems for on March 1, 1868, he is licensed to operate a tavern. Just how long these men operated we do not know. John Rhodes coming in 1834 opened a tavern on the corner where the Lutheran church now stands and called it the Exchange. His brother, Jerry Rhodes, who first settled on Bear Creek, moved to town and took over called his hotel, The Pioneer Hotel. Grandma Rhodes, as she was know to everyone, would not allow whiskey to be sold, but aimed by her good cooking to suppliant the whiskey desire. A good story is told by retired drummer, who lived near me in Fort Wayne by the name of Smith. Mr. Smith traveled for a cigar firm. Two traveling men with their trunks rolled in one cold stormy night, ordered supper and a pitcher of hot water. Coming to the table, they brought out their whiskey and proceeded to make themselves a hot sling. Grandma Rhodes appeared on the scene and asked what they were doing. Just making a little hot grog to keep them from catching cold. She advised them they couldn't use liquor in her house if she knew it. Picked up the food and went to the kitchen. They argued but was assured they would get no supper there, but they might stay the night on account of the storm. Both went suppresses to bed. The Rhodes continued to operate the hotel up to around 1882, selling to Josh Nichols. Nichols operated it until 1887, when he sold it to the

Lutheran church. Thus disappeared one of the land marks, the large swinging sign, with the picture of a hotel and words, Exchange House. The sign was the choice target of the small boy. The railroad coming along at St. Joe. The traveling men, drove from there and the hotel had less business. By 1891 we had the Wabash and less call for hotel accommodations. Mrs. Jacob Baltz famed as a cook led to her serving meals for a few years and she was followed by Mrs. Gloyd, who served equally good food, up to the time of her retirement around 1940.

NOW FOR THE RESTAURANTS---Our first restaurant was the cheese and crackers kind, bought and eaten in the grocery store. Around 1860, the older Silberg boys opened a restaurant in the Simon Oach's building, not meeting with success, closed up. Later John Scott and Steve Silberg moved a small building back of the saloon on the corner and opened a restaurant. August Quinsy buying the property, they moved to the old Emanuel house on Mill street, and back of the corner house. Just how long they lasted we don't know. About 1904 Joe Webb bought the place and opened a restaurant. His health failing (asthma) he went to Colorado for relief, stayed a few years and returned. He had sold the restaurant to Add Kline, his health failing he sold the stock to Will Sommers, who operated it for about five years. His health failing sold it back to Kline who had returned and who later sold the stock to Mrs. Joe Webb. After a few years she rented it to various parties among whom we remember John Lake, Clem Truce and others. The last one to occupy it was Mrs. Charles Chapman who closed it around 1947, and the building is now vacant. We had other restaurants but none long lived. Sam Markle built one between the saloon and Barney's hardware. Ollie Braybrook opened one in the post office building followed by Sam High who operated it for some ten years. When he retired Audrey Wade opened up a tea room in the Bob Beams store. Mrs. Bill Baidenger and Mrs. Ray Zimmerman opened one in the Henry Markle residence, and now we have the Channey girls in the Foltz building on the Baltz lot, facing Pearl street, serving good meals to the public. Nearly forgot that John Shutt and Goldie opened a restaurant in the Olds store building, later took over by Mrs. Charles Chapman who later moved to the corner building. Up to and around the 70s we had no drug store, the grocery stores carried the patient medicines. Dr. Emanuel had enlarged his office and carried a few, but no store for public patronage until John Provines built the brick store in 1873. He having come to town in 1872, opened a grocery and carried a few drugs. The chief of which was quinine and dye material for the women. He moved his stock in a wheel barrow and added a full lines of drugs. Dr. George Murphy first assisted him and taught him the science of preparing prescriptions under his tutelage he went before the board and was granted a license to compound prescriptions. After Dr. Murphy left town he was assisted by Frank Lancaster. Mr. Lancaster dying, he pressed the girls into service. Minnie marrying early left it up to Claude and Ella. Claude serving the longer period, his health failing, moved to the farm. Claude marrying passed it on to Ella, and later John, Jr., had a swing at it went to Purdue and graduated in pharmacy, clerk in Indianapolis, and opened a store in Frankfort, where he now resides. MEAT MARKETS---Home butchering was done by many, every farmer being provided with a meat grinder, sausage stuffer and lard press. Butchering days of choice bring Thanksgiving and New Years Day. And at that time we had men who made a business of butchering for others. Among them Bennett Leighty and the Springer boys, John and Ben. These men took over, killed the hog, scalding it in immense barrels of hot water to remover the hair, cut up the hog, made the sausage, rendered the lard and did all the dirty work. These men had much to learn from the butchering of today, who probably never saw a soup bone and found pork chops, where none were ever known to exit, and we buy them. The first meat market was a meat wagon route by which the farmers were supplied. As early as 61, Alton DeVilbis had established a wagon route to the south far as Leo and across to Maysville. The Chaney boys soon followed with a route to the east and west. They kept two wagons on the road for many years. By 1870, they had built a shop with a room for cooling the meat with ice also iced their wagons, and were known for their cleanliness and freshness of their meats. At this time, steaks were selling for 10 cents per pound. Roasts with soup bones and liver given free to them who asked. By 1880, Reason devoted most of his time to the shop with Arthur

Olds as clerk. By the late eighties the Chaney boys retired, selling the shop to Nute Hursh and Criss McNabb who moved it down town on the corner of the Wise lot. They sold the shop to Henry Carkes and Fisher. Fisher dropped out selling his share to Gush Cupp, Cupp sold to Laten Lake, Lake to Guss Heffner, Heffner to George Henderson, Henderson sold to Bert Fisher. After World War II, Fisher's son Lynne joined his father in the business, later Bert Fisher retired and Lynn now conducts the present market together with an up-to-date grocery. BLACKSMITHS---Our first blacksmith was John Moody who came from Ohio around 1840. Mr. Moody had a small shop on the farm west of town and did repair work for himself and neighbors. He died early after coming to Indiana. In town the first one we know of was William Snyder, who came for Cuba and opened a shop on the corner, later known as the George Wise shop. He only stayed two years and moved to Auburn around 1871. George Wise followed him and operated a shop for many years. As his boys grew, they helped in the shop and later entered other trades. Vess opening a shop elsewhere. Theodore Kressley coming to town worked for George Wise and later bought the shop around 1886, Mr. Wise retiring. Kressley sold the building to Jack Beams who tore it down and built the cement block store. Mr. Kressley moving to Auburn in 1909. By 1876, Mr. G. W. A. Smith had come to town and opened a shop on the corner of Mill and Water streets, present residence of Mrs. Shook. His son, Job, worked for a while, later, going into the tile business. Just when Mr. Smith closed his shop we do not know, but he was still here in 1905. By 1877, Jacob Baltz, Sr., had moved to town and built a small shop on his lot where Pearl Goldsmith lives. The little red shop is remembered by some of the older ones. He sold the place to S. S. Shutt in 1881, and moved the shop down town. Bought the Isaac Oakes store and moved it cross-lots into the Rummell property. Around 1884 J. F. Boltz moved to town and joined his father, Jacob Sr., retiring in 1888. J. F. took over and hired Florence Smith. By 1895, Florence Smith had bought a share and around 1902 moved to Garrett. James Vallieu now joined the firm and Mr. J. F. Baltz retired around 1925. James Vallieu ran the shop for a few years and moved to Dayton. Since that time William Foltz has continued to serve the people in his shop on West Pearl street, west of the old Barney store. WAGON SHOP--- The wagon shops of the town followed closely the blacksmith. The first one was that of Henry Meyes, starting around 1867. He conducted it at various locations generally in association with the blacksmith, last stand was in the George Wise shop in 1906. Around 1874, James Gibford built the first wagon shop on the river bank and formed a partnership with John Horn. Mr. Gibford sold to Horn in 1887 and moved to Jackson township. Later Frank Wise bought in and opened a paint shop on the second floor. Mr. Wise moving to Auburn, Horn conducted the shop until he moved to Fort Wayne in 1886. Just what happened to the shop after that I failed to learn. Around 1880 Elmer Chaney built a paint shop on the Scott property and east of the George Wises residence about where John Shutt now lives. The shop was operated for several yeas, when he sold the shop to Jack Henderson, who moved it to his farm. Mr. Chaney moving to Auburn. Around 1890 Henry Markle and Ebb Chapman opened a cabinet shop back of his house, facing Pearl street, formerly the Fletcher property. Mr. Chapman retired and continued to build houses, moving to Fort Wayne around 1920. Henry Markle retiring. As the automobile had not come in as yet and we traveled by horseback and wagon, harness was necessary for the horses. The first harness shop was that of O. W. Rummell who came in 1860. The shop stood on Pearl street and easily found by the display of buggy whips dangling from a ring in front. I used to love to loaf there while Mr. Rummell quoted passages for Emerson, Shakespeare and Ben Franklin. He continued in operation up to nearly the time of his death in 1902. By 1877 Joe Sommers had come to town and opened a shop on Water street, the present site of Harvey Kimes residence. He also had a whip sign and generally a few horse collars around the door. During this time the average beau took much delight in his buggy whip and had been known to bring it into church along with his best girl. O.W. Rummel's father who was with him at first used to make wonderful coin purses that would fold up like a lily pad and for our dads, a small leather bag with draw strings to carry his gold in. A few had gold pieces in those days and carefully guarded them from association with the common silver. THE SHOE SHOP--- At an early date it was common for the shoe cobbler to visit the home and do the shoe repairing, solder the tin ware and make himself useful. The first shoemaker was Asa Fletcher who came to Indiana in 1837, and to Spencerville in 1842. The little red shop stood where the bank now stand. Mr. Fletcher used it for the post office during

the Civil War later Dr. Houghton used it for an office. Mr. Markle buying the property tore it down. In 1846 there was a man by the name of Peter Pollens who operated a shop on Washington street. He left Spencerville in 1852, storing his working tools with Joseph Sawtell. Isaac Farver of Ashland, Ohio, a brother-in-law of Pollens came to Indiana and bought the outfit, opening a shop where Date Webb now live. Isaac Farver dying in 1893, his son Lemaneul (Lem) Farver had a shop over the hardware for a few years. Mr. Farver has a wealth of historical data relating to Spencerville in his "Journal." He tells of many interesting items from his grand father and father's experiences. Some of which will appear in odds and ends. Our next shoe shop was that to Andrew Schapach, who came around 1878, and conducted a shop from many years dying in 1906. OUR HAT SHOPS---Our first millinery shop was run by the Wysong sisters in Aunt Becky Bowman house later taken over by Aunt Becky herself. The making of any ladies hats was some affair. The straw hat being made of braid was fitted and shaped over a plaster of paris mold. Many times the braid being colored to suit the buyer. Some of these molds are now in possession of Mrs. Jessie Sommers who now owns the property. It took no little skill to make a hat and next year the hat was riped apart, re-shaped, a new flower and ribbon added. Boys look out--- As time moved on we had other millineries, Mrs. Emma Allen being the most popular and probably the most artistic was in business many years. A Miss Alice McKay had a shop at the Nichols residence, Hattie Cook and Tilly Knight in 1880, in the Houghton house followed by Mrs. Jim Steward, Mrs. O. V. Hart, Mary Comsky and Louie Rummel, and now my lady can buy one from Sears Roebuck, or at Fort Wayne on dollar day. Dress makers were a necessity of those days, the good wife busy with the children had but little time for her own dress making, and generally had a good seamstress in for a week's sewing. A good sewing woman worked for 50 cents and worked from eight in the morning until bed time. Wedding dresses were made at home and under an understanding of secrecy. As time went on better fees were demanded. Laurentine Gibtord was much in demand earlier for the better dresses. Lucy Ann Fairfield and her daughter-in-law, Hattie Hollobaugh Fairfield and Cenne Rhodes followed later with equal skill and now we can buy our dresses ready made on almost every four corners. The barber shop became a necessity when the style of wearing the hair long and down on the shoulder to crock-over-the-head style led to the all shingled. The first shop I knew of was the Cash Silberg one on the corner of the Silberg lot. The shop had a mug rack, the Police Gazette and a public dispensation of shabby stories generally no small boy was allowed. (Mother cut their hair.) Cash moving Napanee, Steve took over and operated for a few years. The shop sold and moved over beside the Masonic Hall. Jason Keys, John Sturgis and Charlie Scott operating. Some one built a small shop on the Barney lot between the hardware and blacksmith shop. Operators were Charles McCrorry, Will Allen and others, Sam Warnner had a shop in the old Emanuel house at one time. Charlie Scott shaving in all of them, moved his shop home. At present we have but one, Merle Wayne Furnish. The beauty shop is presided over by Mrs. LaVerne Angle, daughter of Raymond Rhodes. SALOONS---up to 1855 we have no record of a saloon in Spencerville, drinking being done in taverns. Owing to the heavy drinking prevalent at this time, the state took hold and issued quart shops to the county. Seven were allotted to DeKalb county, one of which was assigned to Spencerville and Moses Soper selected to run it. This shop stood on Mill street and later lived in by Mr. George Smith. The older ones remember it as the house with the red and white stripes. Mr. Soper not being a success financially as he failed to pay his license fee was arrested and the state law annuled as it did not accomplish what it was supposed to do. Later a law was passed turning the liquor control over to the commissioners. By 1860, the commissioners were authorized to issue license to reliable men, when not opposed by the community, in which the saloon was located. The first one we know of was the Dan Zehner, who operated on the corner of Main and Pearl street, the present restaurant building. Just when he started we do not know but by 1872 John Provines had a grocery there. Along in the seventies John Reader built a saloon on Main street between the Barney store and the blacksmith shop. Just who operated the saloon at first we do not know, Dave Dove, Bill Rhodes, Garry Braybrook and others, occupied it at various times. I believe the last one was Garry Braybrook. Later a saloon was conducted in the present post office building by Gust Heffner. The building being sold to Sam High, he moved across the road to the Silberg building, which occupied the old site of the furniture store. Mr. Heffner dying in 1940, his wife took over and operated the saloon until closed by remonstrance. After

Jeff Walter bought the Olds store in 1888 he conducted a saloon until his death in 1902. Later Mrs. Huffmen bought the place and her father ran the saloon until closed by remonstrance. Since which time there has been no saloon. During the time William Rhode operated the saloon, the W. C. T. U. became active and asked the privilege of conducting a prayer meeting. He assured them they would be welcome any time and one Saturday p.m., made the call. He received them graciously and warned his customers that the bar was closed during the prayer meeting and that no jibes or unsavory remarks would be allowed. After the services he asked if they would have refreshments, declining he told them to come again. The following winter Mr. Rhodes was converted and quit the saloon business. About 1880, John Cahill and the Masons built the wooden building now occupied by the post office. Cahill using the first floor for a tin shop and the Masons the upper floor. About 1883, Mr. Cahill moved to Valpariso and Will Olds bought the shop, taking in Henry Carnes for a partner and opened a grocery, Olds doing tin repairing in the back. A year later Olds moved to St. Joe and they sold the store to Dan Bair. Bair operated the store several years. Earlier John Carnes ran a watch repair shop for a short time, when Arthur James took over an carried a line of watches and clocks along with his repair work, he retired. Bair sold the store and moved to New Ville. Since this time the store had had various businesses in it; saloon, grocery and restaurants. Sam High ran the restaurant for several years buying the building in 1915. The Masons sold their part to him and moved over Ericks store. At one time it was used as a salesroom for buggies and automobiles by Wall Fisher who traded stores with the post office, and which occupied the building across the street. Since which time the post office has stayed put and satisfactorily run by Mrs. Fred High, Fred owning the building. TILE AND BRICK YARD---Some time in the seventies Dave Butler and John Carnes operated a factory on the Shutt place just this side of the railroad. Carnes dropped out and Mr. Butler operated alone with George Hollabaugh in charge. Help becoming scarce and the clay unsatisfactory the place was closed. Around 1880 a new tile and brick factory was started on the river bank, This was on a co-operative plan. Each man to received a small sum each week and to share equally when the stock was sold. It was organized by Jim Steward and Ell Moodey, William Hollabaugh and Job Smith as partners. It didn't work owing to many difficulties and the business was sold to the Steward Bros., (Newton and Wall.) Newton Steward sold his mill on the county line and his brother, Wall, joining him, they put in a steam saw mill and operated the two together very successfully. After a time they bought the old Methodist church moved it to the mill and put in a plaining mill. Around 1900 Newton Steward retired and started a lumber yard across from his house on the Henry Fales property. On being assured the Wabash Railroad was coming through, he moved to the west side of the railroad and opened a lumber and coal yard. Wall son followed, moving the sawmill and added building material and later bought and sold grain. Wall opened up a coal yard in connection with his sawmill. After his death in 1904, the lumber yard was sold to Arthur Hyman of Fort Wayne, who moved to town and about five years afterward sold to Wall Steward and moved to Fort Wayne. Wall Steward discontinued the mill after buying the lumber yard, Wall Steward dying in 1916, his wife, Cora, and her son, Pete, operated the yard later selling to the Standard Lumber Company of Fort Wayne, who operated the yard through an agent and finally moved it to Grabill. Some where along the line a grain elevator was erected and bought grain. In 1944, M. W. E. Wenninger bought the elevator and coal yard added a feed mill, selling fertilizers and conducting a successful business. Nearly forgot we has a lumber yard in the seventies operated by Melvin Bishop, on the one time Bishop lot, on the river bank and across for Date Webbs. Mr. Bishop moving to St. Joe, took his lumber along an opened a lumber yard at St. Joe. WAGON SHOPS--- Around 1879, Frank Wise built a wagon and paint shop on the river bank, Harry Meyers, the wagon maker. John Horn joined Wise and by 1881 Wise had moved to Auburn. John Horn operated the shop until 1890 when he moved to Fort Wayne, selling the shop to Harry Meyers and James Gibford moved to Jackson township and by 1886 Mr. Meyers was working in the back room of the Baltz blacksmith shop. Later he moved to the Wise shop where he worked until he retired. Near the same time Elmer Chancy built a paint shop on the Scott lot about where John Shutt now lives. Around 1883 or 1884 he moved to Auburn. The building was remodeled and lived in by Mrs. John Wise, and later sold to Jack Henderson and moved to his farm. In our haste, we nearly forgot the ashery on the river bank about where the old Walker house stood. Hugh logs of hardwood were burned and the ashes hauled to the ashery

placed in large kills and saturated with water. The lye so produced was evaporated leaving a product called, black ash. This was sold and further processed, forming potash. The finer salts were in demand by chemist and dyers and the refuse sold for fertilizer. There was also a pottery shop farther up the river and pieces of broken jars and crocks used to be quite common about where the Hollabaugh residence now stand. Mr. Cora Steward remembers it and has a jar made there and given her by her Grandmother Kimes. Down on the DeVilbis farm, we had a fanning mill factory, developed and made by Alexander DeVilbis. This was a great labor saving device as it cleaned the wheat from the chaff an was greatly in demand and DeVilbis says in his history that farmers came from long distances to see the machine and it was sold after his death and a large factory built in Fort Wayne. A town nearly 120 years old, naturally has some fires. So far as I can find out there were no serious fires until the Bowman saw mill burned around 1878. The mill was owned by Bittinger and Wilson at the time and never rebuilt. The next one we note was the George Kimes barn east of towns. Mr. Kimes was nearly suffocated trying to save the horses but got the horses out, but had to be dragged out himself. The burning of the Provines barn, in 1892, was probably the result of small boys or some drunk. The Bowser and Maurery fire was a serious matter as they had been in business but for a short time and the stock new, busted Davis and put a crimp in Bowser, 1912. The 1938 was a conflagration that wiped out the whole square both the Beams stores, the old telephone store, a small building built for a saloon and the Jack Beams hardware and K. of P. Hall. Jean Baker, living in the old store, lost his household goods, A strong wind blowing the fire could not be controlled. Buildings burned to the ground. Doyle Fisher came in from Toledo and started a grocery store building. Christmas Eve, 1945, the contents were destroyed by fire. Mr. Fisher returned to Toledo. New Year's Eve, 1950, was another bad fire. The old Bishop store, the sock, now owned by Kimes, the Bob Beams store remodeled and added to by the Universal Tool Company was totally destroyed. Much damage was done to the post office building and the Masonic Lodge, goat and all burned up. Owing to so much grease in the machine shop and the old building the fire got to much headway before the neighboring fire department arrived. U. S. MAIL---Our first postal route was established by the government in 1839, and known as U. W. P. route No. 2654 and ran from Fort Wayne to St. Joseph, Ohio. Mail to be carried once a week. Jermiah Bowman, contractor, was allowed to sub-contract it at 50 cents a day and 75 cents per night. Emanuel Ulm is said to have carried the mail from Spencerville to Butler, going up one day and returning the next. As the roads improved and more settlers moved in, the means of carrying the mail expanded. Thus we go from horseback to buckboard—and by 1870 we had a magnificent coach. And when the roads grew bad, four horses to pull it. This enabled them to carry merchandise and made the route more profitable financially, and at this time the only means of sending packages from on point to another. I can remember the stagecoach with four horses pulling up before the post office at Provines drug store. Arriving in a cloud of dust, cracking of a huge whip and traveling at the neck breaking speed of three miles an hour, its arrival the one excitement of the day. POST OFFICE---In a letter written to Elias Zimmerman by his sister, Mrs. Schlater, she tells of the difficulties for pioneer life and says her brother, Laten Zimmerman drove the first mail coach from Fort Wayne to Butler, and mentions the difficulties he had to meet; such as, high waters, broken bridges and the deep mud in which he some times got stalled, and had to abandon the coach and proceed on horseback. Our first postmaster was Joseph Sawtell, appointed November 14, 1839, and the post office was probably the small store on the alley. By 1841 Ruben J. Dawson was appointed, and probably was in the new store on South Main street, later known as the Olds store. The following list of postmasters came from the Postmasters General of the Post Office Department, Washington D. C.

SPENCERVILLE, DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA

Postmaster Date Appointed

Joseph E. Sawtell………(Office establishment)November 14, 1839

Rueben J. Dawson	July 20, 1841
Asa Fletcher	July 7, 1849
Bushrod Catlin	June 11, 1853
Joseph E. Sawtell	September 21, 1860
Irving N. Thomas	March 29, 1861
Joseph E. Sawtell	November 13, 1861
Asa Fletcher	December 8, 1863
Jonas Emanuel	October 20, 1870
John A. Provines	July 28, 1873
Beeks Erick	June 11, 1885
John A. Provines	June 19, 1889
Charles B. McCrory	July 28, 1893
Edwin Beams	August 17, 1894
Jack Beams	April 22, 1897
Golden Murray	February 5, 1914
Golden M. High	September 25, 1918
Roscoe G. Walter	June 7, 1922
Mrs. Florence H. Steward	December 2, 1925
Mrs. Golden High (Acting)	April 10, 1939
Mrs. Golden High	December 11, 1939

You will please note that our present postmistress Golden High has served well, courteously and efficiently for 15 yeas, and we all wish her well and are grateful for her careful service. For some years after the B. & O. went through, we had our mail from St. Joe. Isreal Horn, carrier, and Raymond Rhodes, substitute. In 1902 the Wabash passing through the west end we had our mail from there. Around World War I both railroads discontinued their mail stops and we were back to the old route Fort Wayne to Butler. Isreal Horn and Raymond Rhodes carriers. In 1890 the government passed a law, creating the Rural Free Delivery. Our first route was carried by Will Henderson, George Henderson, substitute. This was a horse and buggy affair. Later a two-carrier route was established and on No. 1 we had George Henderson, Mort Shutt as substitute. No. 2, Wall Fisher, with Sherman Tyndall, substitute. Wall Fisher moving to Pleasant

Lake, we had Sherman Tyndall and Beeks Erick, substitute. By this time automobiles, were in use and the route combined with Beeks Erick, carrier and Mrs. Erick, substitute. They make two trips a day—a.m., west and south; p.m., east and north. The early settlers were well aware of the necessity of schools and first met it by private schools, supported by subscriptions. Up to 1838 when the county was organized this was the only type of schooling available. These schools were conducted in part by trained teachers, having had experience in their previous home town and more frequently by some one of the families interested. This led to the question of a free school or one conducted by some organization such as the church school of the Lutherans, Catholics, or some private sectarianism as found in central part of the state. By 1847, the State called all counties to send delegates to vote on the school question. Each county was represented and the matter discussed verbally with much candor and enthusiasm. Voted carried for the free school supported by the state, county and township in which it was held. DeKalb county voted 602 for, with 326 against. The State authorized the commissioners to level a tax on the landowners to conduct the first state controlled schools. This met with much disfavor, in that the man with a large acreage paid much more than his neighbor with 20 acres and probably had more children to attend. Being a part of the northwest territory income for school purposes was one the must for the organization of the state and county. Consequently one section of every township was know as the school section, and the revenue derived for the sale of land in that section of township was devoted to school purposes, together with a tax levied. Tax of 10 cents on the $100 valuation, together with certain bounties among which a tax of 12 ½ cents on each share of bank stock made up the school fund. The management of the school was turned over to the trustees of the various townships, with the commissioners in charge of the state and county laws regulating the same. They provided a course of study naming the subject taught and recommending the books suitable for that branch. The law did not get going until 1853. By this time Concord township had nine schools all held in log houses. The average wage of a teacher was $18 for men and $10 for women. The average public school being considered to tough for lady teachers and the spring term of from eight to ten weeks, being in time, turned over to them. The commissioners were instructed to appoint a school board with the authority to hold examinations and grant licenses. The first board consisted of Fosdick, Dickenson and Bratton. Empowered to hold from one to three examinations. Fee of the applicant, $1. One of these examination was held in Spencerville. Books recommended; the McGuffey Readers and Spellers, Ray's Arithmetic; Mitchel's Geography and Pinnoes Grammer. I have one of the first licenses issued to my Uncle Asa Fletcher dated November 1853 and signed by S. W. Dickenson. Also one issued to my mother, Miss Ellen O. Fletcher, issued in November, 1866, and signed by Spencer Dills. States she had taught two terms. Also a teaching contract entered into by Amanda Morgan, and not signed or dated. And one issued to myself in 1885, signed by C. M. Merrica. As to the private schools in existence before 1853, we have no knowledge, I know of but one Miss Philolema Cutt, who died in 1853, and was said to have been hurried to her death by her constant teaching. She was a sister-in-law of my uncle and the Cutts came in the early forties ('42). The first school teacher we have record of was Asa Fletcher, and he taught in this own building, a log affair which stood nearly in the center of his lot and back of the present bank building. The first public school building was in the log cabin on Auburn street and directly back of the Wise blacksmith shop. Land now owned by William Foltz. It was not of a long duration as the building was torn down in the sixties. Just who the teachers were we don't know. We do know that by 1860 the first frame school building stood on South Main street, on what is known as the Protestant Methodist parsonage, and now owned by Dr. Argyl Beams. Parts of which are included in the present barn. Teachers known to have taught are Mrs. Steven Morris, a Mr. Clark, Jacob Bittinger, Ellen O. Fletcher, William Dills, Allen DeVilbis and of course others in the course of ten years, it served as a school. I believe the last male teacher was Andrew Larrimore, who came to Spencerville and was the first principal of the Auburn School. By this time so many new settlers had come in that a new building was needed which would allow them to separate the grades. In the old one a temporary partition was the only separation. Mr. William Shutt was trustee at this time and he saw to it that a more central situation was found and built the two-story brick on the hill and it contained three rooms, two on the first floor for the primary and intermediate rooms. The building was built in 1870, and came prove it with the small stone high up the

front gable and has the date together with the inscription: Concord Township, District No. 10, 1870, William Baldock, contractor, William Shutt, trustee. There were two rooms downstairs. For some reason unknown they discontinued the north room around 1878. After it was no longer used for school purposes it was used for band practice and storage. The first teacher in the new school house was a Mr. Marlow, as superintendent, Priscilla Coder, intermediate and Mrs. Daniels, primary. At this time it will be impossible to name the teachers as to the year, and the time taught, yet many are glad to see the name of their former teaches and we will be glad to include them. Principals: Marlow, Burrier, Herrick, Clark, Dexter Case, D. M. Allen, Frank Walters, Frank Scolds, Laura Shutt, D. A. Holmes, Irving Hadsal, A. C. Koeppe, Austen Eieholtz, A. C. Koeppe and O. K. Shull. Primary: Priscilla Coder, Lucinda Daniels, Mrs. Scott Herrick, Kate Blake, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Robinson, Josie Thomas, Lena Olds-McClellan, Emma Tyndall, Estella Wanemaker, Mrs. Koeppe, Maude Murray, Mary Murray, Annis Warcup and Mrs. Eicholtz. O. K. Shull and Annis Warcup-Butler were the last to teach in the old building. By 1898 the old school building was declared unsafe and a new building erected under John W. Henderson, trustee. This building had four rooms and at the time considered a model school building. The attendance growing, new subjects added leading up to a three-year high school course in 1909. By 1885 there was a course of study established and pupils passing this grade were called County Graduates. Spencerville had the first class and held the first county commencement. Class of 1885: Laura Shutt, teacher; George Smith, Alda Shutt-Brent and Willis W. Carey. Note: I think it best not to give later degrees or girls married names, but name them as some may wonder who married who. Class of 1886: Louise Rummel-Beams, Arthur B. Olds, Frank E. Rhodes and Harry Keys. Class of 1887: Minnie Provines-Tyndall, Ivan Frybarger and Sarah Boger-Cook. Class of 1888: (seven girls) Flora Haifley-Means, Anna Gibbons, Jennie Blatz-Moffet, Gertrude Shutt-Carey, Hattie Grill-Kline, Mabell Murray-Erick, Jennie Shutt. Class of 1889: Ida Bertchfield and Ada Wise. For sometime there had been an agitation for a high school and where it should be in the township. This was solved by dividing the township through the center. The north half retained the name Concord and the south half Spencer, in honor of Col. John Spencer who died in 1840, a long deferred honor. One history says he founded the towns. A mistake, the town was founded by Ruben J. Dawson and named Spencerville in honor of his brother-in-law, Col. John Spencer. Will Erick, named trustee. In order to have a high school, a more commodious building was needed and Mr. Erick, trustee, petitioned the commissioners for the same and a tax levy to support the school. The new building was started in 1909, and completed in time for the 1910 class. A three-year class had been established and the first three-year class was as follows: 1908: Prof. Keating, superintendent; Miss O'Brian, principal; graduates—Grace Houck, Connie Davis, Bernice Boger-Rhodes, Ortt Wearley and Jessie Benjiman. 1909: Miss O'Brian, principal---Jennie Stewart-Walters, Clarence Steward, Lester Houck, Edd Carnes, May Dailey, Argyl Beams, Lizzie Pervines, Francis Butler-Chapman, Bessie Hart-Klopenstein and Murray Erick. 1910: Ortt Wearley, Principal---Robert Beams, Gladys Nelson, Pearl Pervines and Vera Silberg. 1911: First 4-yr. Class---Mrs. Eskelman, superintendent; Murray Erick, Merritt Maxwell, Gladys Kain, Francis Rhodebaugh, Clara Shull and Ida Reed. 1912: Mr. Slabaugh, superintendent---Alva Place, William Goings, Fred Steward, Earnest Steward, George Poince, Paul Currie, Charlotte Miller and Iva Zehner-Hollabough. 1913: Mr. Slabaugh, superintendent---Beeks Erick, George Hart, Ruth Essig, John House, Lelia Horn-Rosselott, Forest Kain, Maud Platter and Stanley Shutt. It will be notice that some names occur in both the three and four-year course. The three-years graduates were not accepted in college and many took their fourth year at Auburn, Butler, Hicksville and Harlan. The classes also have pupils from Concord township, who had started at Spencerville before the township was divided. The present high school faculty for 1950-51, is as follows: Mr. E. H. Paschen, Principal---Merritt Murphey, Ida Reed, Dale Wycoff, Mabel Zeigler, William Macklin, Agness Paschen, Bernice Wilder and Bina Glan. ATHLETICS--- Up to this time nothing has been said about athletics. While baseball and football were played in their season, they particularly like basketball and sought to prepare themselves for competition. First basketball team: Carlyle Smith, Lester Houck, Peter Steward, Roy Maurer, Harry Hursh, Don Burley, self coached. Basketball team 1909-1913: Lewis Treece, Cormie Kelley, Murray Erick, Ort Wearley, George Beams; Ort Wearly, coach. 1913-1916: John Beninghoff, Bud Beninghoff, George Hart, Cliford Van Zile, George Brown, Beek Erick, Stanley Shutt,

Isaih Smith, self coached. 1919-1922: George Schlater, Eugene Baker, Ralph Baker, Cecil Hollepeter, Ray Zimmerman, Beek Erick, John Koch, Donald Kimes, Lee Hollepeter, manager. 1928: County Champions: Willard Chapman, Harold Furnish, Howard Beams, Virgil Loux, Ralph Beams, Henry Markle, Charles Whitter, coach. 1947: Sectional Champions: Lynn Lake, Raymond Hook, Paul Howe, Forest Resor, Glen Akey, Marion Baker, Harry Shoffel, Blain Kimes, Norman Ritenour, Dick Miller, Everett Paschen, coach. The 1946 game was dedicated to Marion Walter, who had been killed in a railroad accident. SMALL BUSINESS---Various people sold buggies, among them Barney & Erick, Jim Steward, Wall Fisher, Sim Maurer, and now Frank Silberg with the first Ford agency. He built the brick building on the west side of Main street in 1917, went into the fox business and lost it all. The next auto agency was that of Bob Beams with the Overland car. Our first gas station was opened by Beeks Erick on the Henry Markle lot. Later he sold this lease to the Shell Oil company who operated it through agents, the first being Ervin Venderly, later Joseph Baidinger and now operated by Victor Kelley. Roy Maurer had a gas station on the Emanuel lot sold to Paul Furnish who leased it to John Guff and William Sommers—not a success, it was closed. Maurer built another across the street on the Provines lot, later moved it north to his own lot and operates in connection with his grocery on Road One. Bowser and Reed bought the Provines store and operated a general store. After Bowser and Reed dissolved, James Reed built an auto repair shop and gas station, his health failing he sold to Douglas Poisel, the present owner. Our first picture gallery was in Asa Fletcher's wood shed. I have tin type of Mr. Fletcher and one of Jeremiah Rhodes. There probably are others. After Aug Quinsy moved to St. Joe, Ben Zimmerman opened a gallery in the restaurant building conducting it for several years. There are many pictures of his making. Right here I would like to stress the importance of saving pictures of public buildings, churches and people active in the building up of the town. Just at present no pictures of the Old Methodist, the Old Lutheran or the old schoolhouse could be found. The ones in the history have been made up by an artist, familiar with the sort of work the old school house taken on glass, the plate broken. At one time a young man by the name of Houck had a gallery in the Henry Markle building, leaving, Charlie Chapman took over the business tired of the work and quit. CHURCHES---The ministers of pioneer days were known as circuit riders, ordained by the various churches, to bring the Gospel to these far away settlements. Many of these settlers, being devout Christians longed for the comfort and peace of mind their church had brought in their old home. These circuit riders traveled on foot, horse-back and by canoe. They held service in log cabins, barns and the woods. For entertainment they depended on the settler with which they stopped and in most cases was a welcome visitor, not only for the religious comfort he brought, but his news of the outside world. At times he was compelled to stop at notorious taverns, whose reputation had preceded them, but at no time were they molested, and no abuse of their calling allowed. These spirited instructors were a product of their time, when much noise, pounding of the Bible, preaching hell, fire and brimstone often was the subject to their sermon. The first preacher in Concord Township was Benj. Alton of Newville, a member of the disciple church. He evidently preached in the cabins as at this time there were no other places available. He conducted marriages, buried the dead and preached the gospel on Sunday. During the week he worked on his farm for a living. The camp meeting was the circuit rider's opportunity. The first 2-day meeting was held at Orangeville by the Methodist church. Presumed in the grove along the river, the woods were favorable and the river, close by for baptism. The men who conducted this meeting were Elder Thomas of Newville and Joseph Miller of Ohio. At this time, there were no denominational tennets asserted, all prayed for forgiveness and protection from sin. Both preacher and supplicant, becoming loud and demonstrative as their conviction became personal, ending in complete happiness as evidenced by shouting. This particular demonstration was not confined to any one church but in evidence in all. In our local town the Methodists shouted in the Lutherans and the Lutherans in the Methodist which at least led to a brotherly and neighborly association of the two churches, which is present today, but seldom shouting. Revs. Coleman and Warren were the first circuit riders of the Spencerville Methodist Episcopal church, and in 1838 they organized several classes of which the Spencerville church was one and Perseverance, west of town another.

HISTORY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

SPENCERVILLE, INDIANA

OCTOBER, 1951

In the year 1840, Rev. Reed passed through as a missionary. He preached every four weeks at the home of John and Mary Rhodes. Their home was a log cabin and stood where Ray Zimmerman's house now stand. The first church organization was organized in 1841 with eleven members as follows: John and Mary Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Hudnut, Mr. and Mrs. DeVilbiss, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wasson and Mrs. Elizabeth Rhodes. The first Methodist church was erected in the year 1850, a frame building, located where the Methodist church now stands. Active in its erection were Jacob Dills, Jonas Emanuel, David Buller, Henry Blake, William Henderson, John Moody, Alex DeVilbis, George Barney and others. By 1856 the church building was improved by the addition of the tower and installed a bell, calling the people to worship and a bearer of news in a way. When some one died, the bell was rung a short time and then struck for the number of years old. In case of a fire it was rung rapidly, warning the people to hurry. At the time of Lincoln's death both church bells were rung alternately for 24 hours. The Spencerville church was in the Spencerville Circuit, Fort Wayne District, North Indiana Conference from 1850 to 1863. Following are ministers who served from 1840 to 1850, Reed, Smith, Skillman, Holdstalk, Wing, Gnarl and S. C. Cooper. 1850-51, R. S. Latta; 1852, A. Douglas; 1853-1854, D. B. Clary; 1855, J. Johnson; 1856, F. Howenstine; 1857, F. Howenstine; 1858, A. Andrew; 1859, A. Hollopeter; 1860, P. H. Hutchinson; 1861, G. H. Clark; 1862 C. W. Lynch; 1863, C. W. Lynch. Transferred to Leo Circuit in 1864. LEO CIRCUIT: 1864, J. W. Miller; 1865, J. W. Miller; 1866, I. Cooper; 1867, I. Cooper; 1868, D. Markley; 1869, Samuel Bacon; 1870, Samuel Bacon; 1871-72, N. F. Peddycord; 1873-74, W. H. Daniel; 1875, L. Roberts; 1876-77, J. M. Mann; 1878-79, I. M. Wolverton; 1880-82, J. A. Lewellen; 1883-85, J. H. Slack; 1886-89, A. H. Currie. Now known as the Spencerville Circuit. SPENCERVILLE CIRCUIT: 1890-92, J. J. Fred; 1893-95, unknown; 1895-97, E. M. Foster; 1898, W. L. Singer; 1899, E. H. Peters; 1900-02, O. S. Hart; 1903-06, G. H. Simons; 1907-08, C. B. Sweeney; 1909, D. A. Brown; 1910, Arthur Gordon; 1911-13, Chares A. Byrt; 1914, E. A. McClintock, 1915-16, J. C. Valentine; 1917, E. A. Emmons; 1918, Glen Bryan; 1919, E. E. Wright; 1920, E. L. Albright; 1921, H. A. Clugston; 1922-23, Fred Brewster; 1924-27, R. S. Brown; 1928-29, T. J. Cotton; 1930, Homer Studebaker; 1931-33, H. F. Brown; 1934, J. S. Newcomb; 1935, F. A. Ruder; 1936-40, L. E. Clayton; 1941-43, L. B. Sharp; 1944-45, Mason Buckner; 1946-49, D. R. Salisbury; 1950-51, E. J. Gilford. As time went on many improvements were added; the basement enlarged, modern kitchen, new windows and heating plant added and the interior newly decorated.

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The organization of the church took place at the house of William Downs, in the month of October, 1849. Only nine persons joined the organization that day, as follows: John Leighty and wife, William Downs and wife, George Bittenger and wife, and Barbara Rummell. Rev. J. Carther was the pastor. He continued to preach for the organization for a while, after which Rev. Hoffman supplied them with preaching. About the first of the year, 1851, Rev. John Seidle became their regular pastor, and under his administration a goodly number were added to the church and a constitution was adopted, and the church regularly organized, according to the laws of the General Synod. The first officers under the constitution were Abraham Cope, Elder, and George Bittenger, Deacon. Rev. Seidle only preached about one year, when he died at his home in Albion, January, 1852. Thus the little organization was left pastorless for four months, when Rev. Wm. Waltman became pastor, and served them for a period of a little over seven years. On the 20th of May, 1853, the congregation met and decided to build a house of worship. Peter Bishop, Soloman Bowman and Andrew Horn were elected as building trustees. The contract for the work was let to

Solomon Bowman and John A. Chillis, but before the house was completed Mr. Bowman died, and the work was completed by Mr. Chillis. This however was not accomplished until the summer of 1858. On September 26 the church was solemnly dedicated, the Synod of Northern Indiana being then in session in it. We notice by the old subscription list, that many of our fathers in the church, gave very liberally many making sacrifices. That they could have a church home for themselves and children. And they built wisely and well. For thirty years their work has remained to bless the entire community. Many hundreds of people have in it been taught the word, and more than six hundred people have been confirmed at the alters. Rev. Caskey succeeded Rev. Waltman, but only remained one years, when Rev. Waltman was recalled and remained three years, resigning Sept. 29, 1863. Rev. B. F. Hills became their next pastor and served the congregation a little over two years. October 11, 1865, Rev. C. Sink was elected pastor, and preached for three years, and was succeeded by Rev. Leathers who remained one year, and was succeeded by Rev. E. W. Erick, who continued his labors until February, 1879, being about 10 years. Rev. Kelso succeeded him as pastor, and remained about two years and a half, and was followed by Rev. E. K. Baker who served as pastor about four years, and was succeeded September 18, 1885, by Rev. S. P. Fryberger. Others who served were: J. S. Nelson, 1888-92; R. J. Thomas, 1892-95; W. C. Dunlap, 1895-99; W. H. Schrock, 1899-03; W. H. Habey, 1903-06; F. A. Dressel, 1906-09; Rev. Hitchner, 1910-12; D. P. Heltzel, 1913-15; A. K. Mumma, 1915-21; S. D. Steffey, 1922-24; P. B. Rodiger, 1926-27; G. D. Hall, 1929-31; A. Frabiaski, 1932-34; C. J. Ferster, 1935-37; F. L. Stevenson, 1938-48; W. M. Baker, the present pastor. Around 1916 the need for more and larger social rooms, with a kitchen, led to the enlargement of the basement under the direction of Rev. A. K. Mumma. This accomplished added efficiency to the convenience and social life of the church. As time went on, the necessity for redecoration was more apparent, if the church property was to be made fitting for the coming centennial celebration. After much prayer and consultation Rev. Frank Stevenson launched a program, the results of which are apparent in the physical appearance of the church today. Rev. Stevenson changing pastorates, Rev. Baker completed the effort and we have today the church building properly repaired, the interior newly decorated, a new altar and it accessories, a baptismal fount, new lighting and more comfortable seating. Most of which is due to the generous gift of Ort Wearley of Toledo and given in honor of his father and mother, Greely and Lizzie Wearley. Other memorials followed equal in spirit if not in substance at the centennial celebration. The centennial celebration of the church was held October 8, 1949. Rev. George D. Stoll, of Mechanicsburg, a former pastor of the church, was guest speaker. Honor was paid Mrs. Ella Dilley-Horn, the oldest member (86) present. The church stands today as a memorial to those who have passed on and a tribute to God who made all things possible. All of which was so beautifully portrayed by Mrs. Francis Doll. In the closing of the celebration. Mrs. Francis Doll's words in closing the tribute are worth repeating: "Today we have weathered the storm of over 100 years and our present edifice stands as a gift of love and sacrifice from our forefathers. We have been on the mountain top, in the deep valleys and through it all God has been merciful to us and good. "The gospel is being preached, the rites of baptism and Holy Communion observed regularly, the youth instructed and the privilege of worship extend to all. What a wonderful heritage." The Rev. Enos Erick, born 1835, came to Indiana 1843, married Sara Hoffmeyer. Prepared himself for the preaching and entered the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving at Monroeville, Ind. Organized the Methodist Church at New Haven. At this time the country was disturbed over the slave question and Rev. Erick was not backward in voicing his opinion. This not meeting with the opinion of some of the leaders at that time, criticized by the bishop and advised to refrain from voicing his views. Feeling this was infringing on his own personal liberty he resigned. Organized a company, chiefly from his own members at Monroeville and Hoagland and served as chaplain. After the war, he again further prepared himself for the ministry by attending Wittenberg College and was ordained a Lutheran minister and returned to Monroeville by request. By 1869, he was at Spencerville, where he served faithfully and satisfactorily for 10 years. He served at White Pigeon, Middlebury, and Albion, retired for a few years and accepted the pastorate at Harlan. His health failing, he retired for good and died in 1917. His wife in 1916. Reverend Frank Stevenson coming much later had been instructed to introduce the beautiful liturgy of the common service to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which prepares the listener to receive the word, by

taking a personal part in the confession, reciting the creed and thus prepare themselves to received the word as the pastor delivers the message. Leading up to the benediction, and we depart feeling God is with us yet. The social life of the two churches has been very pleasant. The Methodists worshipping in the Lutheran and the Lutherans in the Methodist, both uniting for the common good of the community. A type of meeting already referred to as camp meeting was held annually across the river in the Lewis Lake wood lot at McCaulleys. People came from miles around, brought tents or slept in their wagons and the nights were filled with music and prayer and above all could be heard the voice of the preacher, inviting them to come and be saved. The highlight of the occasion was the feet washing and communion ending the meeting. The elders washed each others feet, after which the Christians in attendance washed theirs. Mrs. Cora Steward well remembers the details as she and her grandmother, Mrs. Kimes, cleansed the foot tubs and packed them away for another year. The organization has been disbanded. While there was no particular difference in the local meetings we did have some shouting but never came up to some of our neighbors. For instance, out west of town a new roof had just been completed and a typical revival meeting progress. One of the staunch members while praying implored the Lord to come down and punish the evil doers. To come right through the new roof and he would pay the damage. Just then lightning struck the church. He is said to have gone out of the window. I never heard if he paid for it or not. From the east comes this story. At a revival meeting held down around and south of Maysville, it was told how a woman was relieved of seven black devils before the whole congregation, they were said to look like black cats with horns, they already had tails. Not to be out done we must tell one on one of our own towns people who was wont to get excited and had many experiences. On hot summer day when cradling his wheat on his farm across the river, he stopped to rest and wipe the sweat from his brow, looked up and there was a vicious looking buck deer heading directly for him. Knowing he had no weapon of defense in the cradle, he braced himself, asked the Lord for help, grabbed the buck by the horns and backed him into a big snowdrift. Held him there until he died—believe it or not. There are people living today who have heard the story and it was told in all sincerity.

The first fraternal organization was the---ODD FELLOWS--- Spencerville Lodge of Odd Fellows was organized in 1873. Platt Wise was Grand Master. Charter members---David Butler, All C. Dawson, Chas. E. Mounsley, Solomon Barney and George Johnson. Meeting place was over Barney's hardware. By 1881 the lodge was moved to St. Joe. MASONS---Concord Lodge NO. 556 F. and A. M. was organized in May of 1880. Charter members: George A. Bishop, Jacob D. Leighty, Job C. Smith, John M. Cahill, Thomas S. Murray, Henry Murray, George W. A. Smith, John Henderson, Loyd Houghton, and Sylvester Zimmerman. John M. Cahill, J. W. admitted shortly after the organization moved to Valparaiso. John W. Dills and Zack Keagy did not affiliate until after the organization. S. J. Zimmerman was raised February 7, 1880; John Henderson, February 28, 1880 and Loyd Houghton, April 24, 1880. Officers of Concord Lodge of F. and A. M. were as follows: George W. E. Smith, W.M.; Thomas S. Murray, S. W.; John M. Cahill, J. W.; Wm. Henderson, treasurer; Job C. Smith, secretary; George A. Bishop. S. D.; J. M. Murray, J.D.; Zack Keagy, Tyler. Present officers of No. 556, F. and A. M., are: W. M., Ray Means; William Wienger, secretary. ORDER OF EASTERN STAR---Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 385, was organized in February, 1913 with a large class of charter members, as follows: Mesdames Josephine Baltz, Mabel Murray Erick, Ethel Berry, Audrey Butler Wade, Golden Murray High, Princess Butler Rectenwald, Minnie Provines Tyndall, Winnie Murray Shook, Hattie Shutt Beams, Jennie Steward Walters, Alberta Zimmerman, Jane Boots Butler, Rose Wise Beams, Maud Culbertson Henderson, Ida Shutt Kelley, Permeta Paff Steward, Esther Baker Bowman. Present officers are Mrs. Joseph Baidinger, W.M.; Mrs. Edyth McGrath, secretary. Both lodges moved on uneventfully until New Years' Eve 1950. The hall was destroyed by fire. Records and furnishings a total loss, some insurance. Meetings were held at Auburn, Butler and Leo and then in the recreation room of the first engine house. Beeks Erick donated a lot on Main Street just north of his home and a new building is in process of erection. This will be a walker-in basement with a hall for lodge meeting on the upper floor. The building is being financed and built by its local members. There is great hope of having it ready for dedication on January 1, 1952. The building

committee consists of Al Ringenberg, chairman; Maurice Hollabaugh, Forest Bratten Glen Blondell, Claud Loub, Beeks Erick, Clifford Bellow, Amber Butler and Charles Butler. The first Masonic funeral was that of Samuel Henderson. The grandfather of Jacob Dills was a pallbearer at George Washington's Masonic funeral. KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS---The knights of Pythias Lodge was instituted May 28, 1891, and dissolved in May, 1935. There was a large class of charter members as follow: Beek Erick, S. E. Van Fliet, J. W. Beams, Soll Barney, H. W. Burns, C. A. Rhoades, L. M. Steward, M. W. Bowman, S. M. Silberg, Eli Fales, Ben Wasson, L. M. Wilson, N. J. Shook, John Shilling, Wm. Scott, C. M. Silberg, Herman Grubb, W. C. Patterson, J. K. Stafford, J. C. Day, Frank Herrick, Wm. O. Lake, E. M. Chapman, J. N. Hursh, H. E. Shilling, Franklin Rhodes and J. M. Beams. The first met in the Provines Hall. By 1909, they joined Jack Beams in building the cement block store, corner of Auburn and Main Streets. There was also a lodge of the Macebees, which, while it was organized since 1908, no one seems to know much about it. As to when it was organized and who its officers were, I was unable to find out. The W. C. T. U. perfected an organization in January, 1891, meeting or organization in the Methodist church. The organization was conducted by Mrs. Kate Leighty of St. Joe. Mrs. Maggie Murray was elected president; Mrs. Carey Blatz, vice president; Mrs. Sam Shutt, secretary; Gertrude Shutt, treasurer. They met in the homes, conducted contests and taught the young in the abuse of alcohol, checked on the saloons to see that they operated according to law, and looked after the welfare of the town in general, conducting remonstances against granting of licenses and provided pleasing entertainment for the citizens at large. After World War II Spencerville sprang into a factory town. The Universal Tool and Stamping Co., was founded by Mr. Raymond B. Pratt, together with a group of businessmen of Fort Wayne. It manufactured bumper jacks and auto accessories and employed 75 people and is situated on Main street. The Like Harts Industry, situated on the river bank, was started in 1946 by John Like Hart and others. They make aluminum products and employ 20 people. The Partee Co., south of the railroad, was organized in 1846, and rebuild petroleum equipment and employ 31 people. The Partee Co., takes interest in the town and are active in its development. Paul F. Partee, president; Mrs. Ceclia Partee, vice president; Thomas Partee, treasurer, and Paul B. Partee, manager. All work and no play held for the early settler as of the man of today and they had their log rolling, as when they met to build a new cabin, followed by a big dinner of what ever was available at the time. Jokes played on each other, feats of skill, such as boxing, wrestling and shooting mark varied the dinner hour. Later the women had their quilting bees, rag sewing birthday parties and dances. The dances at this time were held out of doors and known as Bowery Dances. Few homes being large enough to entertain the party, the dance being in the open, led to various types in attendance and they became boisterous and many times ended in a fight. This led to the home party, with Molly Brooks, Old Dan Tucker and some times a square dance with Jim Boots as caller. Postoffice was a popular way of entertainment, guessing parties, and the box social. Sugar making or shuggaring off was a sweet affair and I well remember my old uncle telling how they knew the time by an Indian called Big John. They would see his smoke in the woods in the big bend and across from Silbergs. Where he came from and when he went no one seemed to know. It is presumed he came from what is or was known as Denmark, a river settlement some 60 miles north, known to have a few half breeds for many years and now hard to find, as their is no mark and no town. Up to as late as 1880, there was a crude hearth, said to have been used by him. The popular camps of the day were the Lewis Lakes, John Shutts, Darius Horn, Baltz Woods, Butler and Hendersons. The Henderson Camp, specializing in the chicken dinners, pulled off at sugaring off time. Mrs. Jack Henderson, noticing that some of her good layers had a tendency to disappear every year around that time, concluded to lock up her coop, just to be sure. One time she attended the party and while wandering around discovered some feathers and remarked that if she hadn't locked that chicken coop herself, she would be awfully suspicious. The next morning, unlocking the coop, she found her prized red rooster gone and Bill was eating out. These sugaring off parties are only a memory but we still get good maple syrup. We had the singing school with Ben Zimmerman as instructor and writing school in which the wonderful Spencerian system was displayed along with birds of various types and which we were supposed to copy. No one would suspect that I attended, but I did, and among the mail I received from schoolmates of that day, I wonder if they did. Our spelling schools were generally well

attended but we seldom won. Around 1883 or 84, Etta Boger, living with her grandfather, Jacob Baltz, won for several years. Sarah also qualified. Our local plays or shows as they called them at that time were at least entertaining. One comedy I remember with Vess Zimmerman as the Dutchman, was so well padded by his assistants, Lem Bair and Ham Emanuel that when he was hung as a pirate his clothing parted and the feathers flew, creating much excitement. Not all the local plays were comedies. We had dramas, such as "The Orphan," with Emma Allen as the orphan, supported by Ella Emanuel, Lena Olds and others as the years went on. One of the outstanding plays in the nineties was "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." It was held in the old Lutheran church after it had been vacated for the new one and the Rev. Nelson, feeling we all had committed the unpardoned sin, devoted a sermon to that effect, with the result that much controversy ensued. We also had the medicine shows, stock companies on the mill yard and in the alley between Silberg and Provines. One distinctly remembered was the Great Indian Chief Choco Taw, whose remedies would compare favorably with Ragatoll and Hadacol. Of the stock companies we had the "Black Diamond," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and "Sunshine and Shadow," with others of the same type. *** Our first big tent show according to Ezra Horn was held across the river from the dam, on account of the new bridge was not yet built and the old log bridge was not safe for such heavy wagons. He said the boys carried their girls across the river piggy back and there were some squealing. They had a parade and the first calliope to visit the town. This places the show around 1870. Around 1876, we had P. T. Barnum in the field below Jack Beams' barn and across from Gifford's. It was not only remembered for the parade with elephants marching, animals in cages drawn by horses, wonderful ladies riding bare-back and numerous clowns, together with the big tent show and various side shows, and all the fakers usually found at such times. Among them were ones who operated the old shell game, using a small Bible. This he felt would be more appealing to the local sightseer. Cora Steward tells how her grandfather, George Kimes, fell for it. Seeing that he used the Holy Bible for the disappearing object, he felt it could not be sin to take a chance and was more liberal in his bets. He won the first dollar and lost the next five, and the wrath of her grandmother was well founded. The Fore Paw show was the last big one. I know I gained a 50c admission ticket by getting up early and assisting a showman gather up bread that had been engaged the night before. This was also a wonderful show, parade, animals in cages, ladies on horse back and a large calliope decorated by figures blowing trumps, and organ with a man playing the typical show music of the day. Many rural shows came to town, the Houghton Dog and Pony show being one of the best and watched for annually. It is said that when the show traveled by wagons, they broke up and sent out smaller tents dividing the attractions and animal exhibits and showed in the small towns. The caravan was not able to travel more than 40 miles a day and being between the route from Toledo to Fort Wayne we benefited by it. Spencerville had an unusual connection with the P. T. Barnum show, in that Mrs. Romeo Catlin was the first cousin of P. T. Barnum. Another was that Mr. Kraft's mother and Mrs. Hamilton Emanuel's mother were cousins of the fat lady of the Barnum side show. The Kraft family history says, she weighed over 700 pounds, married the skelton man and he got so fat he lost his job, and they retired living in New York City. When she died they had to build a special coffin and take the corpse out the window with block and tackle. Not all were the entertainment type. We had lectures on various topics of the day. Talks on astronomy, with the picture of the stars, showing their positions at various times of the year, and from which our lives are regulated. Talks on phrenology with a bust showing the different locations of the bumps regulating our character. Choosing some one from the audience they would proceed to feel his bumps and interpret their significance. Some time to the embarrassment of the subject. Another man, known as the Rev. Lewis Hickman, lectured on millarism, illustrating his lectures with a large map showing a huge dragon, as he was suppose to have appeared to St. John. It showed 10 horns, representing the 10 tribes of Jews, the 10 tails representing their end. Together with a beautiful woman standing on the moon clothed by the sun and her head crowned with stars, also Michael and his angels the devil ready for combat, and from which he predicted the end of the world. Seemingly he was a little premature. Also around this time much controversy was heard over the horrors of Masonry, leading to disputes and much antagonism by some churches. One man was flagrantly abusive and creating much diverse opinions in families, so a band of young men, disguised as Indians made so much noise and seemingly ready to tar and

feather, him, he became frightened and ran to the home of a friend, losing his silk hat on the way. This same hat is said to be the prized treasure of a certain lodge on the river, but not confirmed. We had lyceums or debating societies, magic lantern shows, minstrels, black and white; magicians, church fairs and one time in the seventies the county fair was held on the log yard. We find but little about it an as it never came back it was probably not a success. Decoration Day in the late seventies and eighties was some celebration. The first big day was due to the efforts of Mrs. Lucius Barney, her husband, a Civil War veteran, did in 1869. At this time she and her son, Lucius, were living with his grandfather, George Barney. The parade was made up of small girls dressed in white with colored sashes, red for the living and blue for the dead. The blue represented the heavens, where all good soldiers go. They carried flowers and marched with the soldiers to the cemetery, where there was singing, a prayer and an address by some prominent man. I well remember one, a more elaborate affair, with a tall white monument, made from wood and covered with white muslin. On each corner a young girl, typifying the North, South, East and West, paying homage to the honored dead, holding a wreath that encircled the monument. Others followed, another was a float with Blanch Nichols, representing liberty, got wet. As time went on, the enthusiasm seemed to dwindle out and it was turned over to the G. A. R. A few of the widows of soldiers gathered flowers, made bouquets and the G. A. R. placed them,. Now it's up to the America Legion who do their duty so early in the morning that no one except Mintie Furnish who lives practically on the ground is able to attend. Nevertheless I am glad to state that every known grave will have flowers along with the flags before the day is over. Right here is a good place for taps. *"Soldier, good night. West thou go, when the day and the night need thee so. All is well, speedeth all to their rest. Fades the light and afar goeth the day, and the stars shineth bright. Fare-the-well. Day has gone. Night is on. Goodnight."* Fourth of July celebrations have been carried on for years until competition and the auto made it more entertaining elsewhere. They were generally waved in by the firing of a salute using two rifles in the absence of a cannon. Shooting mark, weight lifting, wrestling, foot races, horse races and a speech, together with a parade took up the day. Band concert at night and fireworks with a bowery dance at night. Notwithstanding, attendance began to lag, as the auto carried the visitors to a more varied and probably diversified entertainment elsewhere. So our younger men got together and planned a fourth of August celebration. The streets were decorated, the stores offered bargains, and a band was engaged. All the old entertainment were brought in, foot races, running races, boys and girls races, the exciting tub and swimming races on the river, climbing the greased pole for the dollar, catching the greased pig for the pig, catching a goose by the head on horse back and numerous other feats with a fantastic parade and the presence of merry-go-rounds, trap shooting, ring throwing for prizes, more band music and at night a band concert and dance with fireworks, did the trick and was repeated for several years in succession. Finally interest lagged and the celebration was not repeated. The church social, band concerts, strawberry and ice cream festivals also came to an end, together with wonderful Sunday school picnics of an early day. These picnics were long remembered and were attended by Sunday schools coming in covered wagons for long distances. Led by a Marshal with a red sash on horseback and oft times proceed with a band. Some times in absence of a band, they came in singing. The highlight of the day was the big dinner and the opportunity for visiting, together with a speech and children speaking. The favorite picnic ground was the Baltz woods, with Henderson later. Our last big celebration was our centennial which was celebrated in 1928. It seems that the people of Spencerville had but little to do with the arrangement and were unaware to such a celebration until notified and asked to serve on committees and prepare the grounds and town for the celebration. The men on the committees were as follows: Will Eric, Walter Bake, Clyde Hart and John Koch. The program was as follows: Forenoon assembly on lawn and band concert. Opening remarks by Dr. Shoemaker of Butler, president of the DeKalb County Historical Society; music by the band; march to the grist mill where John Zimmerman of Auburn, grandson of the John Zimmerman who helped build the mill and lived for a short time in the towns, gave a talk. He said he had been drafted by Mr. Clarence Green, county superintendent of DeKalb county schools. Mr. Zimmerman said his grandfather came to Indiana in 1844 and settled in the wilderness, about two miles west of the town. Assisted in building of the mill in 1844 and '45 and by 1861 was running the mill together with Henry Murray. His grandfather

becoming ill, his father, Elias Zimmerman, moved to Spencerville from Leo and operated the mill until the death of the grandfather in 1876, settled the estate and moved to Auburn. He remembers of living in town, heard and saw his first calliope and saw his first bear. Probably the P. T. Barnum show. Following the address, the band led them back to the church lawn for the dedication service. Dr. Shoemaker after a few words in which he stressed the necessity of placing markers at various points of historical value in order that posterity, in time to come, could look back an say this is where the old church stood, here the grist mill and here the bridge where we crossed the river, etc. Dr. Shoemaker, presented Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, president of Indiana State Historical Society who spoke in part as follows: He spoke on the importance of preserving accounts of historical events found in newspapers, magazines and histories. Pictures of people active in building up the community, old school houses, churches and bridges. He said the first white men to visit a country were usually hunters. They owned no land, paid no taxes and were of but little influence in building up or developing a country, but these men were followed by the home seeker and for such we are here to dedicate this marker in their memory and, proceeded to dedicate the monument with the following inscription.

First Settlement in DeKalb County

1828-1928 ***

Held under the auspices of the DeKalb County Historical Society. The company adjourned for dinner in the church basement after which the afternoon program with a band concert, choral singing, followed by Mrs. Nancy Chaney, reading a paper on the history of Spencerville. More music and an address by Ross Lockridge, professor of history at Indiana State University, who spoke on the George Rogers Clark and the centennial at Vincennes, followed by a Boy Scout demonstration by Boy Scouts from Garrett. A ball game was played at the school house. The visitors were advised to visit the various places of interest, make new and renew old acquaintances and to return for lunch at the church basement. The evening entertainment was a full as the day, band music, singing and a pageant. Indian life by Claud Laub; early explorers, Walter Baker, and Walter Tyndall; Indian camp scene, smoking the peace pipe, patriotic dance by Berniece Wilder; boys of '76, Ray Farver; John Appleseed, William O. Lake, Ott Ginther as Abe Lincoln, and arrival of early settlers, as a parade. Scouts on foot and horseback, families in covered wagons, boy and girls driving cows and pigs, together with old farming tools on floats, old buggies, wagons, bicycles and the Boy Scouts. During which time there was and Indian attack and a young girl was carried off as captive. Between acts was a flower drill by Mrs. Audrey Butler and Mrs. Princess Rectenwald. An early folk dance by Garnett Beams class and talks by some of those in attendance, among which was Jim McKinley's talk on courting days, ending with one of his favorite jigs. The Boys of 1817 and Westward Ho. Drill Squad of the Auburn American Legion and a street dance finished the day. The parade came in here some where, but the program I have doesn't state when. It was led by the St. Joe and Spencerville bands and marched from the mill sight up to Main Street, north to Washington, east to Water Street and disbanded. First came Indians, followed by the new settlers on foot and in covered wagons. The settlers carried guns for protection. The first wagon was of the congestoga type, and was driven to Spencerville by George Houck, in 1853. Will Moore represented the settler and Mrs. Winnie Shook the mother, together with children, all in the costume of the day. The wagon was loaded with spinning wheel, an old chest and various articles such as an early settler would bring. Another covered wagon followed, driven by John Koch with a cow tied behind. Johnny Appleseed walked along reading his Bible and scattering apple seeds. The boys of '76,'61and '17, together with all others in the program, ending in an Indian attack in which the parade broke up. Tired but satisfied that they had shown due honor to their forebearers. The need for a public place to conduct entertainment, lectures, tent meeting etc., had been long contemplated and by 1917 had taken action in that Henry Beams bought the corner lot once occupied by the Emanuel barn, a stock company organized and a hall with basement built and completed by 1920. The basement was used for basketball and the hall for public gatherings. The depression that followed World War I caused many to be

delinquent in paying off their stock and the hall was sold to the school board, Frank Rhodes, the trustee, getting the stockholders to donate their holdings and the township bought the building for school purposes. It now serves as a school gymnasium, basketball hall and is still available for lectures, socials and public dinners. The need for a fire department had been demonstrated many times and after the Doyle Fisher fire a new movement was started and a fund started that let to the purchase of a fire engine and water truck, A small fire house was built on the Provines lot facing the side street, two stories high, the lower being the fire house and the upper a club room for the benefit of the firemen. The funds were raised by donations, fish fries and auction sales. Beeks Erick was elected president; Morris Hollabaugh, vice president and fire chief, Glen Blondell, secretary and treasurer, and all active men volunteered as firemen. At present the upper story is used by the Free Masons as a temporary lodge while their new hall is being constructed. *** OUR DESTRUCTIVE FIRES WERE AS FOLLOWS: 1878---The Bowman saw mill across from the school house and owned by Hiram Wilson and George Bittinger. A complete loss. 1883---The George Kimes barn across the river in which Mr. Kimes nearly suffocated while rescuing his horses. 1892---The Provines barn. 1911---The old furniture store, owned at that time by Raymond Bowser and Connie Davis. A new stock of farming implements and a line of hardware. 1938---All the buildings on the west side of the block, the two Beams stores, a small building used as a restaurant, the barber shop and Jack Beams hardware and K. of P. cement block store. 1945---Doyle Fisher's stock of groceries in the John Provines building. 1949---On New Year's Eve the old Bishop store owned by Will Erick and the Mason's, containing the Virgil Kimes grocery and dry goods, mostly a new stock, together with a building and contents owned by the Universal Tool and Die Company, was a complete loss and did much damage to the postoffice building. ACCIDENTS---Our first accident was the death of Mrs. Peas, who was struck by lightning while standing in her cabin door in 1833. Mrs. George Smith burned to death by her quilted skirt sweeping the hearth of an old fashioned cooking stove in 1888. Miss Lydia Case in 1892 burned and died from blood poisoning due to burns. Mrs. Thatcher, a cousin of the Murray boys, got her clothing caught in the grist mill and died from injuries. Edd Corwin and Abe Quinsy drowned while trying to ride over the dam in high water around 1878. Will Zimmerman and Henry Keesler, epileptics, fell and drowned by the road side. Dee Erick, while driving a mowing machine, the horses became frightened, ran away and he fell in the machinery and was killed. Frank Horn's horse ran off the levee one night, the buggy upset and the baby killed. George Larimore shot himself in the Dawson house around 1858. Bill Lucas hung himself due to despondency and poor health in 1920. Mr. Kraft fell from a gravel digger, entangled in the ropes and drowned in the gravel pit. The Farmers and Merchants Bank was organized in1914, with Frank Rhodes, president; L. B. Fisher, vice president; A. H. Peters, Sam High and Frank Silberg, directors; Clyde Rectenwald, cashier. Capital stock was $25,000 and increased to $50,000 by 1920. It was seemingly operating satisfactorily until one morning in September of 1950, the state inspector dropped in and closed the doors for the misapplication of funds. The bank was insured, no one lost any money. *** EARLY EVENTS---In the fall of 1834, Nelson Ulm and Sam Wasson drove over land three cows and eight pigs from Fort Wayne to Spencerville. One cow was for David Butler and two for David Rhodes. The hogs were for both. Imagine the difficulty they must have met driving the animals through the brush and over the Indian trail as there were no roads at that time. In May, 1836, Samuel Widney coming from Pennsylvania joined John P. Widney at Fort Wayne and came up the St. Joe river and settled in Concord township. The party divided, some coming on horseback and others in the big pirogue that Judge Walden and Thomas Gorrell had brought down for supplies. All went well until they reached the ripple opposite the Butler cabin, when the boat upset, throwing the passengers and goods into the river. As the water was only waist deep for a man no one was drowned. The water being swift, much of the goods was carried some distance, among them a small trunk with $800 in bills. After some searching, the trunk was found a half mile below and recovered intact but wet. The family and contents were taken in by the Butlers and the bills were spread on the floor to dry. It is said that David Butler said when he woke up he thought he must be in heaven and the good Lord had run out of gold and was using green backs. Believe it or not. At this early date it was not unusual for men congregating together to engage in wrestling, boxing etc. At one time in the Murray mill yard Sam Wasson having just brought in a load of logs, was cracking

his ox whip around, when Ruben J. Dawson being present, made the following proposition: Sam let me take that whip and give you three cuts, then you can give me three cuts. Sam always willing to take a dare, accepted, Dawson, after swinging the whip several times, struck him twice and stopped, saying he would take his third turn later. This led to a lot of criticism in that a man of his caliber. Judge of the district court would stoop as low as to play such a trick on a old time friend. This went on and the judge was oft time twitted about when he was going to give Sam the last cut. Dawson died and Sam forgave and forgot, showing a noble character under the apparent rough surface. One more early event is worth recording and has to do with a Mr. Osborn and his trip to a mill at Fort Wayne in the winter of 1837. He started from Hicksville with his ox team to go to mill. For some reason unknown he came west to the St. Joe river, expecting to find better roads and perhaps companionship on the way. Any how he reached the town, secured his provision and returned on the east side of the St. Joe river. About opposite Leo; night came on and the snow and icy water so slowed up his progress, he feared he would freeze. He unhitched his oxen and abandoned his sled. Wading through icy creeks, pushing through the snow, he pressed on, finally becoming so exhausted he crawled on the ground many miles, not daring to stop for fear of freezing and trying to reach the Brant place across from Spencerville. Not daring to give up. He started to call for help and the Brant dogs heard him and made such a fuss that they went out to investigate. It is said they didn't hear the cries but the dogs bounded off and made such a fuss they followed them to where he lay exhausted in the snow. Not being able to walk, he crawled and rolled in the snow toward where he knew there was help, the Brants took him to their home an after a couple of weeks, then his home in Hicksville, carrying him on a sled. This was in 1837, the Brants and Carmel Road both lived on this farm across the river and owned at that time by John Dawson. Earlier then this he speaks of his farm at Spencerville and that he found two families living on it. John Dawson, himself, never lived there and had bought the place for speculation. In 1834 Sam Wasson and Nelson Ulm went down the river for provisions, returning, winter had set in and they had to pull themselves by the over hanging branches and push the boat with long poles. It was so cold they had hard work to keep their hands from freezing and the trip back took a week. Another event worth recording was the Barney robbery in 1878. The Barney boys bought wool and in those days there was no bank and as the farmers wanted real money, they were forced to keep a large sum of money on hand to meet the demand. Mr. Barney went to Auburn, drew out the money and kept it in his home. That night he brought the money home and placed it around in his bedroom, instead of leaving it in the store safe. During the night the house was entered by two men. One held a gun over Beeks Erick, the clerk who slept off the dining room and the other proceeded into the living room upon which Mr. Barney's bedroom opened. Made some demand and shot off his revolver. Mr. Barney jumped out of bed, grabbed his gun and prepared to defend himself, Mrs. Barney picked up a small caliber revolver and followed him out of the room and standing in the doorway took aim, fires and hit him. It seems his gun had jammed and he went out to a lighter room to fix it, when she caught him. He said, come on, I am shot and they left escaping with the Emanuel's horse and carriage. Everything was so well executed that they knew some one who was familiar had planned it and settled on a man who had been around for some time with the seemingly business of selling apple trees, but who had moved on a short time before. It finally worked out that they were a gang from around Bryan and later the men were caught and one sentenced to prison. The town of Bryan presented Mrs. Barney with a silver plated revolver as evidence of their gratitude in helping to rid the community of these desperadoes. This was our one and last big robbery. There were several others but no large amount of money was ever taken. At one time they blew the door off the safe and jammed the lock on the safe in Carey and Bowman's drug store. Entering the store one early morning for something needed for an emergency call, I failed to find the lamp where it was always left for such purposes, went around the counted for a light and saw the money drawer broken down. That was it and I ran to John Provines and called him, scared to death. John said, hell, Doc, they are not there now and they were not, and the only thing missing was some cigars, a few pieces of money Frank was saving as a coin collector. I'll say this, it made a lasting impression and I am still leary of entering dark buildings at night. In 1933 Beams Bros. Safe was blown and they got over $500. They carried insurance. Barney's store and the Bishop store were robbed from time to time, but with no great loss, as was the drug

store. ***THE PHYSICIANS---Early settlements were handicapped for the lack of medical service and the settlers had to depend on their own ingenuity and common sense. The prevailing sickness was chills and fever, broken bones were set by his neighbor and child birth attended by some granny, and oft times by the husband himself. Chills and fever were treated by quinine when available and more often by infusions made from various roots and drinking enormous quantities. Snake wood, worm wood and bitter sweet among the most popular. For abdomenal pain, smart wood tea and hot poultices over the seat of pain and laudanum for the more severe cases. Tonics were made for gentian, dandelion and sweet briar roosts and many others. For rheumatism, the application of various liniments of unknown substances, the preference give to rattlesnake oil. A buckeye was carried in the pocket. Copper bands worn on the wrist or leg and later electric belts warranted to cure and restore lost vitality. For colds in children, goose greese inside and out; for the elders, rock and rye, which is still popular. Amber beads were worn around the neck for goiter and measuring for short growth. The following recipe is taken from a popular doctor book of that day. Take a handful of red cherry, yellow poplar and sassafras bark, boil in two quarts of water until it measures 1 pint, add 1 gallon of hard cider and take a table spoon full, 3 times a day. The bark to be gathered in the spring and peeled upward. The doctor was more likely to be a younger man just starting and willing to accept the hardships necessary in the practice of medicine. Older men, more properly prepared, sought larger fields, or generally given to drink or misfits in society. The preparation for the study of medicine was quite different from that of today. A young man desirous of being a doctor, selected some busy practitioner in a larger community and was said to read medicines under him. He accompanied him on his visits, assisted in the preparation of his medicines, learned their usage and proper doses. The doctor assigning him different subjects in medicine, anatomy and theraputics and later quizzing him on the subjects. Some would attend a short course of lectures and then announce themselves as doctors. After practicing a few years and earning a little money, they would return and complete their education and receive a diploma. Such was the preparation for the average county doctor. Saddlebags were out by my time but I can remember when the doctor came with a bag full of various remedied, how he would pull out one, look wise, put it back and select another; if a liquid, drop a few drops in a glass of water and say take a teaspoonful every three hours. If a powder, he would pour out a pile, take his tobacco stained knife, divide it up into the proper dose and my mother made wafers with flat iron and I had to take it. Well, I am still here so we evidently got well, if we didn't have the latest vitamins. Dr. Jonas Emanuel was our first doctor. He came from Ohio, where he had read medicine under Dr. Mac Gorough of Chillicothe, and attended one term lectures and came to Spencerville in 1843, returned the following spring and brought his family out. He first served the community on horseback, which was at that time as financially necessary and the incapability to get anywhere without a horse. There were no roads, no bridges and no mode of communication. He had bells on this horse, so that the settler would hear him coming. They also had a system of signs to let him know the doctor was wanted if passing by. He served conscientiously the well to do and the poor, never being known to turn any one away or refuse service to the needy. He retired in the late eighties and died in 1891. Dr. Steven Morris was the next physician. Where he came from and the exact date of his arrival we were unable to determine. He was a lot owner in 1847 and married Rossy Ann Catlin in 1849. It is supposed he was a relative of Judge John Morris of Auburn and later of Fort Wayne. His name is quoted in the commissioners' records as a physician to the poor, was said to be well educate and enjoyed the respect and confidence of his associates. He has two children buried in the cemetery. They sold their home to George Barney in 1874, and evidently left for parts unknown. Dr. George Murphy was our next resident doctor. He was born in Ohio and came to Indiana in 1874, and lived with his mother at Huntertown. Later the family moved to Leo. He attended high school at Fort Wayne and commenced his medical career by reading medicine with Dr. Gerry Whielock. Needing to finance his own resources, he taught school for several years, and served three years in the Civil War. He attended one term of lectures at the Charity Medical Hospital College in Cleveland, Ohio in 1870. He returned to Leo and practiced two years and then returned to Charity Hospital and graduated in medicine in 1872. Charity Hospital Medical School is now a part of the Western Reserve University. By 1875 he had taken a course in surgery at Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia and returned to his practice in Leo. By 1879, he

was in Spencerville, where he carried on a successful practice until 1889, when he returned to Leo. He carried on a consulting practice with offices in Spencerville, St. Joe and Waterloo, up to the time of his death in 1904. Dr. Jacob Hull was the next physician to serve the community. He probably came in 1870, married Miss Mary Jane Wyatt in 1871. He attended the public school of Coshocton county, Ohio, and Howard Academy in preparation for medical school. He graduated from the Eclectic Medical College in 1866 and came to Indiana in 1870. In 1876 he again attended lectures and graduated from the Bennett Medical School. He returned to Spencerville where he continued his practice up to around 1890, when he moved to Hicksville, where he was active up to the time of his death in 1911. Dr. Loyd Houghton was the next physician. A native of New York state and a graduate of the medical department of the University of Buffalo in 1865, he came to Spencerville in 1870 an continued in practice until 1886, when he went to Tennessee for this health. Not faring so well, he returned to Spencerville and resumed his practice, moving to Huntertown in 1895, continuing in practice up to the time of his death in 1914. Probably at this time it would be well to introduce or make mention of other early physicians. Who served for short periods of time. A Dr. Meyers is mentioned in Mrs. Chaney's papers and on the commissioners' records we find a Dr. Goodale in 1841; Dr. Hathaway in 1848, and Dr. Clayton in 1856. Dr. Larmore was a popular man in the sixties and perhaps others of whom we find no record. Dr. Nelson J. Shook, our next regular physician, was born and reared in the northern part of the county. Attended high school at Auburn and prepared for medicine at Tri-State College at Angola. He entered Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, and graduated in 1890. He conducted a general practice, with an office for part time at Grabill, until 1897, when he moved to Kendallville. For a short time he continued his profession, retiring on account of his health and died in 1941. Dr. Willis W. Carey, author of the local history, was the next resident. He was one of the first class to graduate from the county schools. He taught school and prepared himself for medicine by reading medicine with Dr. H. W. Bowman of St. Joe. He attended the Methodist College at Fort Wayne and Valparaiso Normal School. Entered the medical department of Western Reserve University and graduated in 1895. He first settled in Auburn and in the following spring moved to Spencerville, where he continued a general practice until 1904 when he moved to Fort Wayne. He served three years in World War I, returned and opened a physo therapy department for the treatment of nervous and mental diseases in connection with the Lutheran Hospital. He married Gertrude Shutt and one son, George Fletcher, was born in Spencerville. He retired in 1947 and lives in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Carey died in 1944. Dr. Benj. O. Shook, also a DeKalb county boy, prepared himself for medicine by teaching, and attended Auburn high school and Tri-State College at Angola. Graduated from the medical department of Miami at Cincinnati in 1902. Dr. Shook conducted a general practice. In 1911, owing to over work, he was compelled to take a rest at Saranac, New York. After a year he returned and continued his practice until his death in 1944. Dr. John W. Moore was another county boy who started out in practice at Spencerville. He attended Auburn high school, Tri-State College at Angola and graduated from the Fort Wayne Medical College in 1894. At this time the medical college was a part of Taylor University. He had his office in the Silberg building and later a more favorable opportunity opened at Albion. Moving there he has continued for some 50 years in practice, lately retiring, living part time in Florida. ***

Dr. Sam Kimes, another local boy, received his education at the Spencerville public school and prepared himself for medicine at Valparaiso Normal School. Entered the medical department of Indiana State University, graduated 1908, and opened an office in the Henry Markle building. On account of his health, he was physically handicapped for general work but maintained an office practice, up to the time of his death in 1916. Dr. John Charles Emmie, another county boy, attended Auburn high school and Tri-State College at Angola. Entered the medical department of Indiana State University and graduated in 1912. Served internship in the Hope Hospital and came to Spencerville in 1913. Due to over work, he suffered a break down and spent a year in Texas. Returning, he continued to practice in Spencerville and lived in Harlan, practicing in both towns, until his death in 1940. During this time there has been several men who practice for shorter periods. Dr. Edward T. Edwards graduated for the medical department of Indiana State University in 1910. He was licensed to practice in Marion county and came to Spencerville in 1912.

Entering World War I in 1917. On his return he moved to Vincennes where he had financial interest that demanded his attention. He soon retired from active practice and died in 1950. Dr. J. Wiley Thimler, resident doctor for the care of Dr. Ben Shook's patients while away on a rest cure. Dr. Thimler was a graduate of the Chicago Medical College in 1911. After Dr. Shooks returned, he opened an office in Fort Wayne, where he still conducts a successful practice. The following men spent their boyhood in Spencerville, or it immediate vicinity, attended the public schools and further improved themselves by taking up the profession of their choice. Among these we known the following: Thomas Jackson Dills, born in Spencerville, in 1847, son of Jacob and Christina Dawson-Dills, attended the public school and Oberlin College. He taught school and read medicine under Dr. William D. Meyers at Fort Wayne. Entered the medical department of the University of Michigan and graduated in 1871. He first settled in Avilla but soon moved to Fort Wayne. Did post graduate work at Belviere and in 1875 went to New York and studied diseases of the eye and ear. Later attended clinics in Europe to further improve himself in his profession. Held a professorship in the Fort Wayne Medical College and commanded the respect and confidence of his associates all over northeastern Indiana. He died in 1899. Dr. Allen DeVilbis, born in 1841, came with his parents to Spencerville in 1843. Attended the public schools, Newville Academy, taught school, took a year at Ann Arbor and read medicine. Graduated from the Miami Medical School in 1868, settled at Middleton, practiced in New Haven and moved to Fort Wayne in 1883. He took up the study of eye, ear, nose and throat and being of a mechanical turn, invented several types of applicators for the treatment of the same. Moved to Toledo in 1887, where he manufactured the articles on a large scale. He also invented numerous other surgical instruments. None became so popular and widely distributed as this atomizer. He died in 1917. Dr. Hiram W. Bowman, son of Solomon and Rebecca Jones-Bowman was born in Ashland County, Ohio in 1849. Came with his parents to Spencerville in 1852. The family moving in the traditional covered wagon. His mother often told how she rode horseback and carried him in her arms. Attended the public school. Prepared himself for teaching by attending the Presbyterian Academy at Ashland. Taught school and further prepared himself for the study of medicine by attending Delaware College. Returned to Spencerville and read medicine with Dr. George Murphy. Entered the medical department of Wooster University at Cleveland and graduated in 1874. Due to a merger of the Cleveland Medical Schools, now known as the Medical Department of the Western Reserve University. Located at Newville, took a post graduate course at Jefferson College in Philadelphia and two years later, a course at Belleview Medical College in New York. On his return, he located in St. Joe and Spencerville as a general practitioner up to the time of his death in 1914. Dr. J. Scuder Hull, born in Spencerville in 1873, son of Dr. Jacob Hull and Mary Jane Wyatt- Hull, attended the public school until his father moved to Hicksville, Ohio in 1890. Graduated from the Hicksville high school in 1892. Read medicine with his father and graduated from the medical school in Cincinnati in 1905. Returned to Hicksville and was associated in practice with his father. After his father's death in 1911, he continued in practice until his death in 1950. Dr. Argyl Beams, born in Spencerville in 1891, graduated from Spencerville high school, 1909, a three year course. Finished high school at Butler in 1910. Attended Valparaiso normal school and taught school at Leo. Entered Wittenberg College and graduated from the pre-medical course in 1912 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. Entered the Western Reserve University and graduated from the medical department in 1919. Interned a Lakeside Hospital and was elected to a professorship in 1947. Dr. Beams specializes in gastro intestinal diseases. He lived in Cleveland. Dr. Andrew Robert Wyatt attended the Spencerville grade school, attended Fort Wayne Methodist College in preparation for the study of medicine and read with Dr. Jacob Hull. Attended Indiana State Medical School and graduated in 1882. Started in Spencerville, moved to Cedarville, later to LaGrange and to Fort Wayne in 1920. He died in 1940. Dr. Jonas Emanuel, not only contributed his life work to the practice of medicine, but also educated three sons for the profession. Dr. Appelos, the older son, was born in 1844, reared in Spencerville, attended the public schools, prepared himself for medicine by attending the Newville Academy and read medicine with his father. Graduated from Ann Arbor in 1866, and located in Antwerp. Had two daughters, Clara and Julia. Julia, a prominent pharmacist is located in Fort Wayne. Dr. Appelos died in 1876. Dr. Hamilton Emanuel, son of Dr. Jonas Emanuel and Laura Coburn-Emanuel, was born in 1857. Attended the public

school, Newville Academy and read medicine with his father. Graduated from the Fort Wayne Medical College in 1880. Married Ida Crouse of Ossian. Located in Millroy, North Dakota, continued in practice until his death in 1936. He had two boys, both doctors, and a girl. Henry is a consulting specialist in nervous disease of Stamford, Connecticut, and Victor Worth, in practice at Valley City, North Dakota. Dr. Gerry Emanuel, the youngest son of Dr. Emanuel, was born in 1863. Attended the public schools, Fort Wayne Methodist College and read medicine under is father. Graduated from Rush Medical College in 1883, at that time the youngest man to have graduated at Rush College. He served an internship at St. Joe Hospital in Fort Wayne, returned to Spencerville and practiced with his father. Moved to Edgerton, Ohio, in 1892, where he conducted a general practice up to the time of his death in 1931. Married Vera Webster and moved to Edgerton in 1892. They had one son, George. Dr. George Grant Smith, son of G. A. G. Smith, was born in 1867 in Ohio. Came with his parents to Indiana. Attended the public schools, was a member of the first county graduating class in 1885. Attended the Auburn normal and taught school. Entered the Indiana State University and graduated with an A. B. in 1906. Entered the medical department at Western Reserve University and graduated in medicine in 1912. Located in Parkman, Ohio, married, and died in 1930. Dr. Hubert M. Shook, son of Dr. B. O. Shook and Winnie Murray-Shook was born in Spencerville in 1895. Graduated form Spencerville high school in 1914, attended Wittenberg College graduating in 1917 with an A. B. Studied medicine at the University of Cincinnati, graduated in medicine in 1921. Lecturer and now a professor of internal medicine, specializing in cardeology. Director of the Ohio National Life Insurance Company, and lives in Cincinnati. Dr. Wayne LeRoy Shook, grandson of Dr. B. O. Shook, born 1920. Attended Spencerville public school. Graduate from high school in 1938. Attended Indiana State University, and graduated in medicine in 1941. Served in the army, and now located in Indianapolis. Three sons of Jacob Shutt are accredited with the study of medicine. Andrew Jackson Shutt, born in 1843, attended the Spencerville schools and later the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, but we find no record of his graduating. Like many men of his day he practiced medicine for a short time at Harlan. Owing to eye trouble he moved to a farm in Jackson township and later ran a medical route, dispensing home remedies and medicine of his own manufacture. He died in 1907. Dr. John Shutt was born in 1850, graduated from the Eclectic Medial institute of Cincinnati in 1889 . He located in Harlan, edited the Maysville Breeze a few years, moved to Fort Wayne, practiced medicine and died in 1921. Dr. Louis S. Shutt, born in 1860, east of town. Attended the Spencerville grade school, Valparaiso Normal and studied medicine at the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, graduated in medicine in 1889. Practiced with his brother, Dr. John Shutt and later moved to St. Louis, Mo. He died in 1919. Dr. Ralph M. Beams, born in Spencerville, son of Frank and Maud Currie-Beams, graduated from high school in 1929. Attended Indiana State University, graduated in pre-medical course with an A. B., studied medicine and graduated from Indiana State University in medicine, in 1936. Served four and one-half years in the army, located at Fairmount. Came to Fort Wayne in 1947. Specializes in diseases of the eye. VETERINARIANS—Dr. Frank Silberg, was born in Spencerville, in 1886, graduated from high school and attended the Chicago School of Veterinary medicine. Graduated in 1912. Practiced at Spencerville, after a few years became engaged in various businesses. Built a large garage, opened the first Ford agency and moved to Butler. Health failed him and he returned to Spencerville and promoted a fox farm. Business a failure. Died n 1944. Married Florence Miller, one child. Dr. Clyde R. Baumgartner, born in Bluffton, graduated from high school in 1909. Attended the Chicago School of Veterinary Medicine, graduated in 1912. Practiced at Arcola, served in World War I, came to Spencerville, and formed a partnership with Dr. Silberg. Silberg moving to Butler, he conducted his practice alone. Married Mrs. Pauline Jordan, daughter of Merritt Barney and Bell Turrifen-Barney. MINISTERS---As for ministers, we did not fare so well. Our first licensed minister was Alexander DeVilbiss, while living on his farm and having had much experience as an exhorter, as they were then called, he was licensed by the United Brethren church to preach to the gospel in 1858. There is no record of his being assigned to any special locality but he undoubtedly held service whenever he was called, this meant much hardship and in January of 1861, he contracted typhoid pneumonia and died. Louie Davis was another Spencerville boy, who became a minister. Attended the Methodist church, had training as an exhorter and was licensed to preach by the United Brethren. Served

several pastorates and died early in life. Peter Walters, also a Spencerville boy, attended the Harlan school, studied a course of instruction as put out by the Methodist church, attended the Methodist College and was licensed to preach. Served pastorates and concluded the Methodists didn't pay enough for a family man and went to work in a factory. Married Ethel Provines and reared eight children. LAWYERS---Mr. R. J. Dawson first studied law in Dearborn County, Indiana, where he grew to manhood with Hon. George H. Dunn. Needing a larger income he took up surveying at the same time and in 1832 came to Fort Wayne and acted as clerk for this brother-in-law, Col. John Spencer, who was collector of moneys from the sales of public lands of the U. S. Government. Later he was appointed surveyor of public lands. This gave him an opportunity to buy up desirable lands for speculation. Among these was the large farm on the St. Joe River, bought of Thomas L. Yates in 1836, and set off 30 acres which he developed as a mill site in the village, known as Spencerville. By 1841 he investments demanded so much attention that he moved to Spencerville, and in 1845 married Miss Minerva Catlin, daughter of Bushrood Catlin. During this time he had again taken up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1838. Held his first court trial in Bluffton and appointed judge in 1840. Held court in Allen, DeKalb and Steuben counties and presided over the famous outlaw trial in 1858 and '59. A band of desperate men had organized as horse thieves and robbers. Their operations became so bold and when opposed vended vengeance by burning buildings and physical torture. This led to the organization of the regulators for protection. One man, McDougle, had been hanged, and others were in prison. The outlaws had money and secured skilled lawyers for defense. Over this trial Judge Dawson presided. He attended court on horseback and riding through inclement weather, which with the mental strain, led to his sickness and early death at 48 in 1859. These men were adept in their profession and the story is told of a prominent man in the north part of the county who had lost a favorite horse, going into the section where it was rumored they operated to see if the could find it, pretending he was seeking to buy a horse. He was referred

to a man who was said to knew horses. And they drove around for three days looking for a horse. Later after he returned home he learned he had been riding with the horse thief himself, and behind, his own horse so well disguised he never recognized it. And his horse thief, a local preacher. William H. Dills, son of Jacob Dills, came to Indiana with his parents in 1840. Attended public school, studied in a private school at Fort Wayne and read law with his uncle, Ruben J. Dawson. Attended the Indiana State Law School and graduated in 1856. Located in Auburn, enjoyed many appointive and elective offices, the first man in the county to vote direct for a President (James Buchanan) and organizer of the DeKalb County Pioneer Associate. Died in 1911. Spencer Dills, born in 1839, attended public school. Taught school. Studied for a surveyor. Count surveyor in 1864. Supt. of public schools, studied law with his brother, William. Admitted to the bar, moved to Toledo and died in 1872. Charles E. Emanuel, son of Dr. Jonas Emanuel, born in Ohio in 1841, came with his father in 1842. Attended public schools, Newville Academy and read law with James E. Rose. Admitted to the bar in 1882, practiced in Auburn, and died in1908. Cicero Emanuel, also a son of Dr. Emanuel, attended the public schools, Newville Academy and read law with is brother, Charles. Admitted to the bar in 1887. Practiced in Spencerville and died in 1935. Frank Kimes, son of George Kimes, born at Spencerville, attended school, Valparaiso University and graduated in law from Indiana State Law School in 1900, moved to and lives in Oklahoma. Samuel Wearley, son of Clint Wearley, attended school, Valparaiso University, served in World War I, read law and was admitted to the bar in 1921. Appointed superintendent of the C. C. Camp and later moved to Park Rapids, Minnesota, where he now lives. Ellsworth Sanders, son of Wilson Sanders, attended school. Moved with his parents to St. Joe, studied telegraphy, was in World War I, developed a flair for traveling, visiting the orient, studied law and practiced in the state of Washington, Oregon, retired and lived in Montrose, California. Two sons of Ruben J. Dawson studied law but left Spencerville with their mother when she moved to Fort Wayne in the sixties. C. M. and John. (C. Morton) George Bittinger had three sons who studied law, lived for a short time in Spencerville; Jacob, Adam and George. All lived and practiced in Fort Wayne. Richard L. Shook, son of Dr. B. O. Shook was born in Spencerville, graduated from high school, attended University of Michigan, graduated with an A. B. in 1835. Studied law,

graduated in law from Michigan State University at Ann Arbor in 1938. Located in Cincinnati after three years attended Pittsburgh University, specialized in tax laws, was associated with Frost & Jacobs, U. S. attorneys for tax revenue and was transferred to Washington, where he is now engaged in government service in the Internal Revenue Department. Lives in Washington, D. C. Not all our boys were lawyers or doctors. Murray Erick, son of William Erick, graduated from the three year and later from the four year high school in 1911. Attended Purdue University, graduated for the state university in electrical engineering in 1915. Held offices in Fort Wayne, Chicago and went to Los Angeles, organized the firm of Murphy & Erick, and specializes in office building and at present is engaged on a 40-story building. Lives in Los Angeles. Robert Beams, born in Spencerville, graduated from high school, attended Valparaiso University specialized in business administration. Opened an Overland agency in Spencerville, moved to Fort Wayne and went into real estate. One son, Glen, born in Spencerville, practices law. John was born in Fort Wanye and is a preacher at Evansville. Ort Wearley, son of Greely Wearley, graduated from high school in 1910, attended Wittenberg College, specialized in business administration and athletics, graduated with an A. B. in 1914. Taught school, coached basketball and entered the automobile game. Was in business in Indiana and Michigan. Took over the Packard agency and located in Toledo, Ohio, where he is now engaged in several business enterprises. Married and has three children. Henry Shook, son of Dr. B. O. Shook, graduated from high school in 1924, attended University of Illinois, and graduated in business administration in 1930. At present, he lives in Auburn, married and has three children. Conducts an automobile accessory business. Cecil Hollopeter, son of Lee Hollopeter, graduated from high school, attended Wittenberg College, changed to University of Illinois and graduated in 1925. Majored in athletics. Teaching at Dayton for ten years. Entered the Air Cops as a professional flyer, retired and now interested in a manufacturing business. Married and has one boy. John Provines attended Spencerville school, clerked in his father's drug store, attended Purdue University and graduated in pharmacy. Married and now lives in Frankfort. Pete Steward, son of Fred Steward, graduated from high school, attended Wittenberg College, graduated in business administration and entered the insurance business in Cleveland, and lately transferred to New York. It's no more than proper to mention the name of Mr. S. S. Shutt, reared from the age of two years in the town. By hard work and successful business ventures he built up a reputation for honesty and integrity that he was sent to the state legislature for several terms and nominated for congress. In early life, he attended college in Iowa, returning home, taught school, and in 1859 went to California to seek his fortune in the gold mines. Meeting with success, he returned after three years for a short time and again entered the mining industry returning a rich man. In later years he busied himself looking after his varied interest, among which was the organizing the White National Bank at Fort Wayne, where he served as one of the directors up to the time of his death in 1904. Spencerville being settled by men from the east principally, no doubt had many who had seen service in their home state. This was true especially of the men who had served in the Revolutionary and later the French and Indian War of 1812. At this time there was no money to pay the discharged and oft times disabled soldiers, so the government set aside the Western Reserved as an opportunity for cheap land. This was soon exhausted and the settler pushed on and many landed in northern Indiana. Almost any man born by 1790 served in the War of 1812. Of the Revolutionary period we know of no one buried here who had seen service. In the War of 1812 we have the following: Thomas Howey, private-corporal with the Pennsylvania militia, 1812-1813. Caleb Case, private 71st Regiment, New York Militia, 1813. Buried in New York state, served three enlistments. John Rhodes, private, Sunderland, Pennsylvania, Volunteers, 1814-15, two enlistments. Hector Blake, private, 2nd Regiment, New York Militia, 1814. David Rhodes, private in Thomas Collemers Co., New York Militia, 1814. The record also shows that George Horn, Fredrick Shaffer, Robert Johnson, Nicholas Jones, Paul Robertson and Samuel Henderson, all eligible and are buried in the Spencerville cemetery. The investigation up to the great granddaughters who want to join the D. A. R. All of whom can be traced through the D. A. R. library in the Fort Wayne public library and by writing the adjutant general of U. S. Army, Washington, D. C. There are several more buried here who probably served and whose records should be investigated. There is a rumor that our cemetery holds a Revolutionary soldier. If so, he lies with his grave unmarked as do many of the Civil War time. This is

unnecessary as at this time the government will furnish markers for its soldier dead, when applied for. Already in the fifties the question of slaves and the right to own them was becoming a serious question. Those owning slaves in the South, were losing heir slaves by their running away, escaping to the North, when they were generally helped to escape by a system know as the underground railway. Th South became so aggravated by it, that they threatened to secede if it was not stopped. They hired professional slave catchers to find and return the slaves and made it a very profitable business for those concerned. The controversy led to the 11 southern states seceding and they called themselves the Confederate States of America. The election of Abraham Lincoln as President led to the north taking the view that these states had no right to secede and led to war, the most talked of item being the freedom of the slaves. Patriotism ran high and public meetings were held in the home, school, houses, churches and public corners. And when President Lincoln called for volunteers the response was unanimous in DeKalb county. The first meeting for recruiting in the county was held at Spencerville. George Barney, presided and John Coburn, secretary. Three men were chosen to draw up resolutions, which read as follows. We the citizens of DeKalb county, distinctly repudiate the right of secession as claimed by a portion of the states and that our federal government is a government of all the people and not a mere federation of states, and that the government is a fully ample and competent as the several states and that a state can no more secede from the federal, than a county can secede for the state. After the playing of Yankee Doodle a rousing patriotic address was given by Robert Johnson. Marquois Rhodes, who had just left his store, dissolved his partnership with William Tendall and moved to Auburn, where he assisted in recruiting the first company for war. As the war went on and more troops called and more funds solicited DeKalb always met her share. The townships of Newville, Stafford and Concord led. The following men are known to have served in the Civil War and enlisting from Spencerville:

John Beams, George Beams, Irvin Butler, Lucius Barney, John Barney, George A. Bishop, Florene Buchanan, John Carnes, Sam Cole, Benj. Chellis, James Dragoo, Allen DeVilbis, John DeVilbis, William Davis, John Davis, Alex Dailey, Rev. Enos Erick, Lewis Fisher, Leslie Fisher, Charles Friece, Lemanuel Farver, Isaac Farver, Jno Furlo, Sam George, James Gibford, Benj. Hamilton, Sam Harnish, Fredrick High, John Hobaugh, Amos Hill, Milt Horn, Israel Horn, John M. Horn, Benj. Hush, Charles Hoffman, Enn Hannan, Thomas Johnson, Robert Johnson, Nicholas Jones, Thomas Kirst, Phill Kennedy, Martin Keesler, George Kiester, Theo. Kline, Baltzer Koontz, Sam Kelley, J. D. Leighty, John Leighty, George Lake, Joe Murrey, John McNabb, Henry Markle, David Miller, Josh Nichols, Isaac Oberholtzer, Jno A. Provines George Poince, William Pervines, Marquis Rhodes, Charles A. Rhodes, Elijah Rhodes, William Reed, O. W. Rummell, James Steward, John M. Steward, James L. Steward, Isaish Smith, John M. Scott, Henry Scott, George Samuel, Jeremiah Ulm, Milo VanZile, Edward White, Calvin Wearley, William Watson, Hiram Zimmerman, Jonas Zimmerman, John A. Zimmerman. All buried in Spencerville cemetery except: Jno. A. Provines, Auburn, and at St. Joe cemetery: Florence Buchanan, John Davis, Benj. Hamilton, Jacob Leighty, William Pervines, Jeremiah Ulm, Edd White, George Wade. And there are several unmarked graves. Most of these men enlisted at Spencerville. Thirty-four years we were again in war. The island of Cuba having suffered by the tyranny of Spain, revolted and started a revolution in 1895 and lost nearly half of their population and called for help. Uncle Sam sent the battle ship Maine, which was blown up in harbor and war was declared in April, 1898. The President ordered the National Guard into service, and recruited the needed soldiers for the infantry and two artillery squads. Indiana's Co. K of the 3rd Indiana volunteers was organized at Auburn, with 50 men and saw some service. The only men from Concord township were William O. Leighty of St. Joe and Frank Kimes, of Spencerville. The war was of short duration and the men mustered out in 1898. World War I is of such recent date that most of the readers will have had some share in the fighting and some sorrows. As to the cause of the war, it is generally understood the German Kaiser's determination to conquer the world. Of course there were many other reasons, such as commercial and industrial rivalry. Revenge from former conflicts, personal ambitions and others given in history of northeastern Indiana. Three years after the war started we were in the submarine warfare on our vessels culminating in the destruction of the Lusitania and continued acts of that type led

Congress to declare war in 1917. The following men served in World War I.

Baker, Eugene Houghton, Roscoe Ridenour, Russel

Baumgartner, C. R. Kain, Forest Shutt. Stanley

Berry, Howard Kraft, Harold Shutt, John

Bice, Ralph Kressley, Ralph Smith, Carlyle

Bough, Sam Lindstrom, Walfred Smith, Isaiah

Crall, Fred Mann, Hanley Smith, Orval

Crall, Lee Mann, LeRoy Steinborn, Fred

Dove, William Mann, Blaine Stewart, Fred Sr.

Davis, Russel McKinley, Delta Tyndall, Marquis

Erick, Beeks McKinley, Wm. M. Walters, Henry

Flotz, Walter Palmer, George Wasson, Paul

Furnish, Charles C. Pervines, Howard Wasson, Alfred

Gratz, Russel Pervines, Lewis Watt, Carl

Hart, George B. Place, Mervin Webb, Dayton

Headley, Owen Place, Alva Webb, Herbert

Hollopeter, Cecil Ridenour, Dan Welsh, Ivan

Zimmerman, Ray

This was war on a big scale. No such organization for preparation had ever been carried out and seemed to have come over night. Every city, village, and farm having a part and all working together harmoniously to win the war. Some twenty years and we are again at war, following the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Owing to our previous experience in World War I, we were soon organized and carried the war home to them, rendering such destruction to men and property that they were glad to surrender, following the firing of the bomb. A new element in warfare so destructive that even the defender hesitates to use it, and a warning as to what other countries can expect if they get too meddlesome. Those serving from Spencerville in World War II are as follows.

Allen, William Kimes. Bernard

Allen, Merton Kimes, Richard

Akey, Wilber Loux, Maurice

Butler, James Loux, Virgil

Beams, Ralph Laub, Roy

Bice, Ralph Laub, Loren

Bice, Paul Markle, Max

Blondel, George Moore, Paul

Brouse, Wayne Moore, Ted

Burns, Robert Moore, Glen

Erick, Wm. D. Moore, Carlton

Fisher, Lynn Osborn, Richard

Fraim, Walter Reckenwald, Warren

Furnish, Lavon Shilling, Richard

Furnish, Virgil Steeman, John

Furnish, Merle D. Steeman, Homer

Gilmore, Karl Steward, Fred, Jr.

Hart, Robert Shook, Wayne

Howe, Ralph Shockley, Hershel

Haupt. Lon Tyndall, Marquis

Hook, Edd Webb, Louis

Holabaugh, Robert Washler, Richard

Hensley, Ray Wasson, Dean

Jones, Winnifred (WAC) Zimmerman, Dallas.

With the memories of two world wars it will be best to stop and consider how far we have gone and what we have accomplished and how best to live in peace while properly guarding our liberty and defending ourselves from the enemy from within as well as from without. Dwelling thoughtfully and prayerfully on George Washington's advice: "Beware of Foreign Alliances." BIOGRAHICAL DATA---First date of birth—B. If coming to Indiana before 1850—Ind., date. M—married and date if known. Children—No. C. names. Girls named and referred to by married names. Death of father and mother.

Ables, Zona Horn—m, Ross Ables—Zona d, 1950—Ables 1938.

Allen, Emma T.—m, Dave Allen—b, 1820—d, 1884—2—Frankie and William—2nd m, Jason Keys—J. K., d, 1930—E.A.K., d, 1939—Frankie m, Rev. Will Singer---3---lived in Ohio.

Bair, Rudolph—b, 1820—n, Catherine—d, 1849—2—Barbara Obeholtzer and Amanda Wilson—2 nd wife, Jane—2—Maggie Metcalf and Etta Elson—3rd wife, Louisa Hall.

Bair, Samuel—b, 1827—m, Mary McReader—6—Lem, Dan, Johnathan, Alva, Nettie, see Horn, Mattie.

Baker, Porter—b, 1862,--m, Anna—8—Grace, Floe, Ethel, Fay, Julia, Letha, Ralph and Gene—P.B., d, 1914—w, 1929.

Blatz, Jacob, Sr.—b, 1816—American, 1824—m, Barbara Helfrick—10—all born in Pennsylvania and Ohio—Tilly Culbertson—Spencerville Scholl—Mrs. B., d, 1878—end wife—Mrs. Ellen O. Carey—J.B., d, 1890—wife, 1909.

Baltz, J. F.—m, Emma Sechler—4—Mary, see Mourer—Jennie, see Moffett—Jessie, see Sommers—Frank, b, 1881—m, Josie Maggert—2—Albert, drowned—Erma, m, Roger Stebing.

Baltz, John—b, 1821—U.S., 1824—1stm—Pa.—2—2nd m O—Elizabeth Schleper—6.

George—m, Ida Boots—2—Fred and Edith—G.B., d, 1927—wife, d, California.

John—m Laura Murray—3—Anna, Thomas and Pauline—J.B., d, 1929—wife, 1942.

William—m, Lizzie Engle—5—Gladys, Carrie, Frankie, Grace, Fred born in St. Joe.

Ben, bachelor

Lizzie and Anna, died tuberclosis.

Barney, George—b, 1815—Ind., 1838—m, Jane Bratton, 1840—6—Solomon,

Franklin, Lucius, Mary, John, Mark.

Lucius—b,1841—n, May—1—Dr. Lu Barney lived in Colorado—Lucius, Captain in Civil War—d, 1869—wife 1888.

Solomon—b, 1844—m, Cordelia Gibford, 1870—2—George Merritt and Violet—George—b, 1871—m, Dell Turrittin in 1897—1—Pauline Bumgartner—Violet—b, 1877—m, Rev. Johnson of Tiffin, O.—3.

John—b, 1842—m—moved to Ohio.

Barney, Frank—b, 1852—m, Ida—2—moved west.

Mary C.—b, 1848—m., Sailor—died.

Marquis—b, 1858—m—moved to Ohio.

Sol and Frank moved to St. Joe in 1883-84.

Baumgartner, Clyde—b. 1893—m, Mrs. Pauline Jordan, see professions.

Beam, David—b, 1824—m, Amanda Kimes—7—Amanda, Rilla, Archie,

Harve, Effie, Vennett and Mina—D. B. d, 1898—w, 1911.

Beams, Frank—m, Maude Curie—4—Henry, Florence, Doris and Ralph.

Henry—m, Phyllis Gree—4—Montpelier, O.

Florence—m, William L. Peck, attorney—3—Anderson, Ind.

Doris—m, Rev. Rudder—2—Arcadia, Calif.

Ralph, Physician—m, Ruth Loveless—3—Fort Wayne, Ind.

Beams, George—m, Myrtle Haifely—3—Forest, Garnet and Howard.

Forest—m, Mable Rhodes—2—Hicksville, O.

Garnet—m, Dale Edwards—1—Arcadia. Calif.

Howard—m, Lucille Miller—3—Fremont, Ind.

Mrs. Garnet Beams d, 1919

George Beams—m, Mrs. Lucy Duvall

Henry Beams—d, 1922—Rebecca Beams, 1932.

Beams, Henry W.—b, 1846—m, Anna E. George—1- Madia—b, 1877—m, Dr. Nelson Lake—1—Mrs. Anna Beams d, 1877—Mrs. Madia Lake, 1904, Henry Beams—m, Rebecca Johnson—2—Frank and George.

Beams, John W.—b, 1843—m. Alice Rhodes—3—Edd, Jack and Nettie B.,d, 1882—2—2nd wife, Fannie Miller—1—Robert.

John B.—soldier Civil war—d, 1914—wife, 1942.

Edward U.—b, 1866—m, rose Wise—d, 1915—wife, lives in Garrett.

Jackson M.—b, 1869—m, Hattie Shutt—1—Dr. A. J. Beams—b, 1891—m, Mildred Kendall—lives in Cleveland—see physicians—J. M., d, 1940—w. 1940.

Robert, G.—b, 1888—m, Berdene James—2—Glen and John—glen born in Spencerville—m, Plecher—2—see lawyers—John born in Fort Wayne—minister in Evangelical church in Evansville.

Beninghoff, Hattie—S.H.S. class 19__--m, Oscar Ditmer—1—Joy—

lived with her grandmother Shutt.

Beninghoff, John—b, 1859—m, Rebecca Lake—2—Will and John –J. B., d,

1943—wife, 1934.

Bishop, Peter—b, 1823—Ind., 1947-=-m, Eliza Rudisill—7—Alvin—b,

1945, m, Mary Silberg—2—George and Mary Beidler—wife, d, 1891—m, Lilly Silberg—3—L. S., d, 1902—Peter B., d, 1901—wife d, 1915.

Bishop, Melvin—b, 1859—m, Sarah Ayers—4—Frank and Retta, see

Hathaway, b, in Spencerville—Catherine and Charles b, in St. Joe—M. B., d, 1927—wife d, 1927.

Bishop, William—b, 1852—m, Ada Shaffer—moved to Michigan—1888—W.

B., d, 1918.

Bishop, Minnie—b, 1855, see Keagy—2—George and Charlie—Z.K., d, ____wife, 1947.

Bishop, Edwin—b, 1864—m, Lizzie Shaffer—3—John Cozetta and

Ronald—E.B., d, 1936—wife d, 1917.

John—b, 1865—m, Nellie Olds—2—Florence and Mrs. Paul Collins—J. B. d, 1926.

Bittinger, George—b, 1810—m, Mrs. Jacob Rudsill—5—all born in Pennsylvania—reared in Ind., Jacob—Adam—George—twins—Mary, see Zimmerman—Barbara, see Wilson—G.B., d, 1881—wife d, 1889.

Bowman, Solomon A.—b, 1818—m, Rebecca Jones—Ind., 1853—3—Date E., see Rhoades—Hiram and Marion.

Hiram W.—b, 1849—m, Mary Leighty—2—Frank and Ray—Frank had drug store in Spencerville—m, Esther Baker, lives in St. Joe—Eloese—Ray, bachelor, lives at home.

Marion—b, 1858—m, Harriet Schweitzer—lived in Chicago—d, 1923.

Bowman, Peter—came to Spencerville in 1848—ran sawmill—died in 1878.

Bowman, John—b, (1868?)—m, Amanda Carnes—2—John Jr. and Laticia.

John, Jr.,--b, 1868—m Nettie Beams—moved to Michigan.

Laticia, see White.

Bowser, Raymond—b, 1878—m, Ethel Badick—4—Roy, Cleo, Gale and Ada.

Brown, Calvin—m, Maud Brown—4—Jay, Kenneth, Bertha, Bernice—M.B., d, 1918.

Butler, David—b, 1805—Ind.,1833—m, Elizabeth Yates—8—Ellen—Irvin—Andrew—Amos—Christine—David—Daniel—Minerva—D.B., d, 1844—wife d, 1877.

Ellen—m, Fredrick row—Irvin, died in service, Civil War—Andrew, Amos, Christine—live in the West.

Daniel—b, 1842—m, Sarah Jane Boots—3—Frank—Audrey—Merritt—D.B. d, 1901—w, 1937.

Franklin—b, 1872—m, Daisy B. Hemrick—F., d, 1838—wife, 1934.

Merritt A.—b, 1875—m, Annis D. Wareup—4—Charles—m, Georgia Daun—3—Auber—m, Ruth Miller—2 Ivan—m, Emma Beal—2—James—m, Catherine Duwan—Audrey E., see Wade.

David—b, 1842—m, Sarah J. Keys—2—Princess, see Rectenwald—Francis see Chapman.

Carey, Mr. Ellen O.—widow of William Carey—1—Willis W.–b, 1869—m, Gertrude Shutt—1—George Fletcher—Mrs. E. O. Carey m, Jacob Blatz, Sr., 1879—Mrs. Carey, d, 1909—J.B., 1890—Gertrude S., d, 1944.

Carnes, John—b, 1820—Ind., 1849—m, Rebecca Bair—6—Amanda, see Bowman—Josephine, see Fisher

Henry—b, 1851—m, Ella Miller—4—Josie—Edward—Homer—Ruth.

John—b, 1854—m, Martha Roller—2—Ritz—Ralph

Mary—b, 1856—m, George Paff—1—Gladys—Gladys see Houck—J.C., d, 1861—soldier—w, 1888.

Case, Caleb—b, 1814—Ind., 1844—m, Sophie Camp—5—C.C., d, 1864—wife, 1888—Dexter—Lydia—Emilus—Mary—Martha.

Emillus—b, 1837—bachelor—d, 1924.

Mary—m, William Hollabough—7—Lydia, spinster—Martha—m, William Dilley—Eva—m, Edd Pleumer—7.

Catlin, Bushrood—b, 1799—m, Mary—3—Minerva Dawson—Rosy Ann Morris—Romeo—B. C. said to serve in Navy—War of 1812—Minerva, see Dawson—Rosy Ann, see Morris.

Romeo—b, 1826—Ind., 1842—m, Mary A.—3—Clara E.—Louisa McKinley—Mary Fusselman—B.C. d, 1860—Romeo—1862.

Chaney, George—b, 1816—Ind., 1852—m, Ruth Jones—3—Reason, Milton and Phillip—g. C., d, 1902—wife d, 1906.

Reason—b, 1843—m, Nancy Scott—0—, R.C., d, 1910—w, 1951.

Milton—b, 1854—m, Jennie Scott—0—M. C. d, 1927—w, 1947.

√ Phillip—b, 1865—m, Clara Houck—1—Roy—P.C., d, 1927—wife d, 1939.

Roy, son of Phillip—b, _?__, m, Zetta McNabb—4—Phyllis, Euala, Einor and Roy, Jr.

Chapman, Ebb—b, 1864—m, Renna Markle—10—Lee, Charles, Millus, Jay, Bill, Mary, Mildred, Gladys, Maud, Myrtle—Edd d, 1948.

Charles—m, Francis Butler—4—Isabel Fold—3—Josephine Crowl—2—Rachel Cook—1—Richard m, Madeline VanZile—3—David.

Chellis, John—b, 1785—Ind., 1844—m. Asentha True—3—Mary Lake—Hattie Metzger—Benj.—J. C., d, 1853—wife 1894.

Clemmer, Christian—b, 1814—Ind., 1860—m, Ann Gearhart—3—Caroline see Houck—Ann see Cupp—Sylvester—C.C., d, 1892—w, 1901.

Coder, Samuel—b, 1843—Ind., 1867—m, Elizabeth Griffiths—4—Eli, m, Rebecca Wyatt—1—Priscilla, m, Elias Zimmerman—Frank—Lenna—m, Mort Olds—J.C., d 1896—w, 1893.

Cole, Samuel—b, 1843—m, Sally McNall—soldier—S.C. d, 1920—w, 1926.

Cupp, Gustave—b, 1857—Ind., 1878—m, Ann Clemmer—1—Edward—G.C. d, 1934—w, 1912.

Davis, Martin—b, 1834—m, Susan Fisher—d, 1918--wife, 1910—4.

Sarah—m, G. Cramer and lives in Fort Wayne.

Samantha—m, Henry Walters.

Mary—m, Rupert

Bert—bachelor—lives in Spencerville.

Dawson, Ruben J.—b, 1811—Ind., 1830—m, Minerva Catlin, 1845—3.

Albert J.—b. 1847—m, Martha Rush—3—died in California.

Charles—b, 1848—m Elizabeth Mayer—see lawyers record—John W. reared in Fort Wayne—died in California—R. J., d, 1859—wife, in California.

DeVilbis, Alexander—b, 1816—Ind., 1843—m, Lydia M. Clogston—7—A. DeVilbis, d, 1861—w, 1889.

Allen—b, 1841—see physicians—d, 1917.

Laurinda—b, 1843—m, Alexander Bowser—1—Allen—1—d, 1915.

John Wesley—b, 1846—lived at Hicksville—d, 1879.

Alexander—b, 1848—lived in Louisiana—d, 1890.

William Fletcher—b, 1851—farmer—d, 1913.

Alton Lovejoy—b, 1855—dentist—d, 1950

Thomas Dills—b, 1860—see physicians.

Dilley, Elijah—b, 1824—Ind., 1855, m. Elizabeth Griffith—8—Mary—Vincent, m, Sarah Maurer—Margaret, m, Allen DeVilbis—Emily—Malinda—William H., m, Martha Case—George W., b, 1862, bachelor, d. 1883—Ella, m, Frank Horn—1- Venice—E.D. d, 1913—1st wife, d, 1872—2nd wife, d, 1896.

Dills, Jacob—b, 1820—Ind., 1844—m, Christena Dawson—4—J.W. Dillis—b, 1832—m, Mary E. Olds—1—Harriet—Hart—2—J. W., d, 1911—wife d, 1948.

Wm. H.—b, 1934—m, Emily A. Ralston—see lawyers record—d, 1891.

Thomas J.—b, 1847—m, Lizzie Appleton—2—Clara—Margaret—d, 1879.

Spencer—b, 1839—m, Maggie Seabright—read law—moved to Toledo—d, 1872.

Dove, John—Spencerville around 1870—m, Mac Namire—3—Henry m, Emma Rhodes—David m, Mary, Jake Grill.

Dwyer, Arlie—m, Mrs. Reasor—1—Forest—Franklin Dwyer.

Edwards, Edward T.—m—see physicians.

Emanuel, Jonas—b, 1818—Ind., 1842—m, 3 times—1st wife, Esther Hawley—3—m, a. C. Taylor—E.T., d, 1926—Esther H., d, 1850.

Charles E.—b, 1851—m, Ida Johnson—2d, 1909.

Appelles—b, 1844—m, Mary Kaufman—2—Clara Kaufman and Julia, prominent druggist in Fort Wayne—A.E. d, 1876.

2nd wife—Laura E. Coburn—4—Hamilton—m, Ida Crouse—3.

Dr. Henry Emanuel—Stamford, Conn.

Dr. Worth Emanuel—Valley City, N. D.—daughter in Milroy, N.D.—Hamilton, d, 1936.

Marcus Cicero—b, 1859—bachelor—lawyer, see lawyers—M.C., d. 1935.

Ella—b. 1861—m, Bruce Bogart—lived in Dakota—died, 1894.

Gerry E.—b, 1861—m, Verda Webster—1—George—Dr. Gerry d, 1931—see physicians.

Erick, Enos—b, 1835—m, Sara Hoffmeyer—5—Granville m, Amanda Baltz—0—d, 1895—wife, 1918.

Beeks—m, Viola Yarnell—3—Gray—Ted—Marjorie—B.E., d, 1915—wife, 1926.

Fairfield, Harrison—m, Lucy Ann Beams—2—William—m, Hattie Hollabaugh—1—Helene—W.D. d., __?_, --wife d, 1950.

Fales, Henry H.—b, 1818—Ind., 1838—m, Rebecca White—8—H. f., d, 1909—wife d, 1894.

Emily—m, Joseph Spitler, see Spitler.

Betsey, A.,--m, William Leighty, see Leighty.

William—m, rose White—2—Guy—Jay.

Eli—m, Maggie Johnson—2—Rosa, see Widefield—Icy, see Kimes—E. F., d, 1929—wife d, 1921.

Orange—Elliot—m, Maggie Malone.

Tom—m, Luce.

Wallace—m, Ida Wilson—5—Leah Umbinhour—Ada White—Grace Adams—Howard—Henry.

Farver, Isaac—b, 1829—Ind., 1852—m, Mary Meyers, 5—Rebecca—John H.—James H.—Lemanuel—Christena—I. F., d, 1893—wife, 1909.

J. Lemanuel—b, 1829—m, Lucy Bailey—4—3girgs born in Jackson township—Ray, b, in Spencerville.

Ray—b, 1892—m Pearl Armstrong—2—Harry—Earl

Fisher, Louis—m, Josephine Carnes—2—Wall—Bert.

Wallace W.—b, 1874—m, Ella Provines—4—Louis—Miriam Evangeline Fuller—Dorothy, d, 1913—Wall d, 1930—Ella d, 1949.

Bertrum L.—b, 1876—m, Mr. Elsie Sharp—2—Josephine Bohm—Lynn m, Lois Rutherford—2.

Fletcher, Asa—b, 1796—m, Sally Cutts—0—A.F., d, 1882 wife, 1868.

Foltz, William—bachelor

Furnish, Arthur—m. Metta Rhoades—3—Harold—Charles—Merle Dean—Harold, m. lives in Leo—Charles, bachelor—Merl Dean, m, Marion White—1.

Furnish, Ralph—m, Bertha Keesler—4—Ralph, d, 1938—wife, 1949.

Gibford, James—b, 1849—m, Emma Burley—5—Connie—Charles—Roy—Nealie—Zoe—James, d, 1940—wife, 1939.

Gibford, Mr. Charlotte—came to Spencerville with he 4 children in 1878—Isaah—Cordelia Barney—Laurentine Dragoo—James.

√ Gloyde, George—m, Emily Bowser—4—Clarend, Gladys, Ralph and George Jr.

Goldsmith, Nicholas—b, 1849—m, Bell Houck—4.

John –m, Elizabeth McNabb—1—Merle Dean.

Ala—see Perkiness—Pearl, spinster.

Lloyd—m, End Grub—N.G., d, 1912—wife d, 1937.

Goldsmith, Solomon—m, Rill Farmer—1—Harold.

Haifley, John—b, 1846—m, Martha E. Walters—2—Harry and Myrtle, see Beams.

Hannen, Ean—b, 1854—bachelor—S. A. soldier—d, 1942.

Hart, McClenan—b, 1864—m, Mattie Smith—2—Elizabeth, spinster.

Bessie Klopenstine—1—Franklin McClenan H., d, 1939—wife, 1944.

Hart, Rally Murphey m, Lucius B. Hart—2—Jane Ellen and Louise.

Hays, Valentine—b, 1860—m, Elizabeth Hush—6 girls—Agnes Baker—Leona K. Baurman—Violet Kimes—Clara Bratton—Thersa Smith—Ruth Place—Valentine H., d, 1938—wife, 1945.

Henderson, William—b, 1824—Ind., 1836—m, Matilda Watson—3—Margaret, spinster—Elizabeth, m, Milo Walker—died, 1844—John W.

Henderson, John W.—b, 1851—m. Alice Nusbaum—3—Charles, William and George.

Charles—b, 1873—m, Anna Smith—1—Ruth—Ruth m, Clifford Van Zile, lives in California.

William—b, 1875—m, Faye Baker.

George—b, 1880—m, Maud Culbertson—2—Mary and Esther—Mary m, Walter Beerbower—2—Dick and Sally

Esther m, Dr. D. Graham—1—Patricia—lives in Arizona.

Maud died in 1951.

Henderson, John—m, Adaline Keys—4—Josephine and Mabel, dead—Glenn—m—lives in Woodburn—Kathryn—m, Rev. Lindstorm (Died, 1950)—lives in Florida—J.H., d, 1925—w, 1916.

Henderson, Joseph—b, 1842—m, Matilda Rhodes—3—Mary—Grace.

Heyman, Arthur—m, Nelie Benninghoff—1—Mary Ellen Sauer—Mrs. H., d, 1925.

High, Charles—b, 1841—m, Viola Worden—1—Fred—2nd wife, Mary High—C. H.., d, 1944—wife,

Hush, Harry—b, 1885—m, Andrews—son of Milt and Lizzie Oberholtzer Hush—d, 1950.

Jenkins, George—b, 1825—m. Georgia Silberg—0—d, 1911—wife, 1944.

Jones, Nicholas—b, 1790—Ind., 1852—m, Catherine—d, 1873—wife, 1893—4—Luther—Rebecca see Bowman—Ruth see Chaney—Robert.

Jones, Luther—6—1835—m, Polly Beams—0—L. J., d, 1912—w, 1893.

Kail, Braid—b, 1857—m, Euphrenia Wyatt—5—Clauson—Beatrive—Pauline—Paul—Austin—B.K., d, 1942—w, 1939.

Kagey, Zack—m, Minne Bishop—2—Charles and George—Z.K., d, 1915—w, 1948.

Kelley, Dallas—b, 1863—m, Lena Shutt—5—Clarence—Vernie—Cormie—Lena, See Zimmerman—Nellie m, Walter Carr.

Kennedy, Phillip—m, Nancy Wasson—O—soldier P.K. d, __?__.

Keesler, Martin—b. 1842—soldier—m, Mary Baker—9—Sam—Alvin—Henry—John—Minerva—Louella—Allie—Bertha—Charles—M.K., d, 1915—wife—1917.

Keys, Jason—b, 1863—m. Mrs. Emma Allen—0—d, 1928.

Kimes, George—b, 1812—Ind., 1848—m, Sarah Boyer—12—David—Elizabeth, see Beams—Josiah H.—Jacob C.—Catherine A.—Daniel M.—George—Andrew—Wm. H.—Sara J. –Harve—reared—Ellery Kimes and Cora Barr—grandchildren—G. K., d, 1878—wife d, __?__

Kimes, George, Jr.—m, 1848—M, Rachel Hart—6—Wesley—Frank—Merton—Harve—Minnie, see Moody—Chloe, see Allen.

Wesley—m, Ida Kirst—1—W., d, 1926—wife, 1902.

Harve—m, Icy Fales—2—Walter and Don.

Don—m, Minnie Wilmot—died in 1931—left 3—Robert Rosy Ann—May Walter—m—lives in Leo.

Ellery m, Maggis Meyers—2—Winifred and Charles.

Charles—m, Violet Hayes—Virgil—Catherine—Charles Jr.—Richard—Margaret—Bernard—Blaine.

Kimes, Harve—m. Rachel Hart—2—Plumie—m, Helfrick, Dr. Samuel, see Professions—H. K., d, 1930—wife 1933.

Kinsey, Fredrick—b, 1815—m, Susan Fredrick—Ind., 1862—6.

Mary—m, Wilson Sanders—0—see Sanders.

1936.

Charles C. (Fred)—m, Golden Murray—0.

✓ Hollabaugh, George—b, 1845—m, Lizzie Springer—4

✓ William—m, Emma Pence—2—Jessie, Orin.

✓ Frank—m, Nora Carbough—2—Albert—Robert.

✓ Scudder—m, Mary Goldsmith—3—Morris, Marjorie—Max.

✓ Morris—m, Mary Ridgeway—6—Jack—Marjorie—Ted—Thomas—James—Park.

Hollabaugh, Stanley—m, Iva Zehner—1—Marcella—see Sechler. Iva—died, 1920.

Horn, Andrew—b, 1814—Ind., 1848—m, Sidney Pilkinton—6—A. H., d, 1894—wife, 1895—Israel—Milton—Edwin, served in Civil War—Mary Jane, see Lake—Lorena, spinster.

Israel Horn—b, 1845—m, Rachel Wyatt—1—Minta, see Rhodes—I.H., d, 1945—w, 1916.

Horn, Ezra—b, 1850,--m, Lizzie Detrick—0—E.H., d, 1949—wife, 1909.

Darius—b, 1848—m, Mary Jane Shutt—2—Zona, see Ables—Geary, bachelor—Darius, d, 1919—wife, 1918—Geary—1927.

John—b, 1854—m, Nettie Bair—3—John, d, 1938—wife, 1946—Minnie, see Hilgerman—Lelia—m, Louis Rosselot—lives at Columbia City.

Houck, George—b, 1812—Ind., 1853—m, Mary P. Shilling—7—Mary Ann, Hiram, Frances E., Daniel, E. Bell, A. Kathrine and Sara Matilda.

Mary Ann see Shutt—Frances E., see Shutt, E. Bell see Goldsmith—A. Kathrine see Hamilton—Sara Matilda see Zehner—G. H. d, 1892—w, 1896.

Hiram—b, 1841—m, Caroline Clemmer—4—Clara, Allie, Della and Mary—H. H. d, 1915—w, 1902.

Daniel—b, 1847—m, Arilla Kiney—3—Ray, Grace and Lester—Ray, bachelor—Grace, spinster—Lester b, 188, m, Gladys Paff—3—Elinor, Ruth and George—L., d, 1919—D. H., d, 1908—w, 1934.

✓ Hamilton, Benj. M, A. Kathrine Houck—5—Frank, Will, Millie, Mae and Delphia—B.H., D, 1917—w, 1920.

House, Frank—b, 1837—m, Clara Betz—2—John—Eva—Frank, d, 1921—wife 1925.

John—m, Marie Wilmott—1-died—m, Mrs. Gertrude Markle.

Hush, Benj.—m, Desta McKinley—6—Florence—Mabel—John—Beeks—Jason—Albert.

Hush, Lawrence—b, 1885—m. Katie Meyers—0—c, 1939—wife, 1931.

Carrie—m, Jobe Smith—1—Keith, d, 1936—J.S., d, 1907—wife d, 1948.

Susan—m—moved to Oklahoma.

Fred—drowned, 1868.

August—b, 1846—m, Kathryn Byrhodes—5—Charles, George Frank, Roy and Mabel Quinn. Moved to St. Joe, 1884.

2nd wife—Viola Mason—3—Aug. K., d, 1908—wife, 1885—2nd wife, 1916.

Kirst, Thomas—b, 1841—m, Rebecca Badorff—1—d, 189?—wife, 1940.

Lake, Nathan—father of George P., L. Nelson and Curt Lake—m, Jerusha Shelden—Ind. 1835, from Vermont—died, 1853.

Lake, Nelson—b, 1827—m, Margaret Tyndall—10—Nathan, Laten, Caroline, Lewis, George, Rebecca, John and Charles—L.L., d, 1910—wife d, 1916.

Caroline—m, John Lyon—d, 1899.

Nathan—m, Sidney Dragoo—d ?

Laten—m, Francis Shilling—died—m, Addie Widney—died—m, Mr. hart. L.L. died 19__?

George and Frank—bachelors, F. L., d, 1941.

John, see physicians—m, Francis Yarner—J.L., d, _?_

William O.—m, Cene Rhodes—3—William, Marjorie, Ellen—W.O., d, 1946.

Lewis—m, Culbertson.

Rebecca—see Benninghoff

Charles—m, Bessie Ables—C.L., d, 19_?_

Lake, George P.—b, 1834—m. Rosetta Rupert—3—Mrs. L. d, 1873—2nd wife—Mrs. Jane Dragoo, see Dragoo—1—Nelson.

Dr. Nelson Lake, see physicians.

Laux, Frank P.—b, 1829—m, Mrs. Lydia Lerch—2—Calvin, William.

Leighty, John—b, 1808—Ind., 1844—m, Elizabeth Sowash—9—Catherine, Alexander, Jacob D., Maria, Susan, John, William, Bennett, Mary E.—J.L. d, 1899—wife, 1889.

Jacob D.—b, 1840—m, Kate Metzger—1—John R. J. D., d, 1912—w, 1924.

William—b, 1841—m Betsy Ann Fales—4—Mack, Edd, William and May—W.L., d, 1947—w, 1945.

Maria see Oberholtzer, Catherine. Susan see Nicholls.

John died in Civil War.

Benjamin—b, 1853—m, Martha Burley—4—Harp, Frank, Fred and Grace—B.L., d.. 1922—w, 1924.

Alexander—b, 1838—m, ??—2—Nora and Dora.

Mary E. see Bowman.

The Leightys moved to St. Joe in 1875.

Lerch, Jacob—m, Lydia—2—Martha and Jennie.

Lucus, William (Bill)—b, 1846—m, Ella Boye—soldier—died, 1932—wife, 1928.

Markle, Frank—b,_____--m, Rally Oberholtzer—4—Gaylon, Henry, Dorothy and Max.

Markle, Henry –b, 1839—m Katie Ann Zehner—1—Renna, see Chapman—H., d, 1923—wife, 1925—soldier.

Markle, Jerry—b, 1873—m Katy Ann Wise—3—William, Frank and Delbert—J. M., d, 1949—wife, 1879.

Markle, Samuel—b, 1854—m, Mary E. Billman—3—Lewis, Minnie, Charles—Lewis, m, Daisy Berry—L., d, 1949—Minnie, see Steward—Charles, m, Gertrude Shutt—C., d, 1919. Rodger—Ellen Nash and Harriett.

Mathews, John—1790—m, Priscilla Clayton—8—one of the early settlers.

Maurer, Simon—b, 1862—m, Mary Baltz—0—Mary, d, 1908—2 nd wife, died—m, Mrs. Addie Patterson—Simon d, 1948.

Moffett, Euta Jane (Jennie)—m, Raulen Moffett—2—Pauline m, Ray Rhodefer, lives in Auburn—Jessie m, Paul H. Adams, lives in Fort Wayne—Jennie Moffett d, 1938—Raulen d, 1942.

McCrorry, David—b, 1826—m, Sarah Horn—2—William and Oliver—David, d, 1899—wife, 1905.

McCrorry, Oliver—b, 1874—m Rossie Murphy—3—Helen, Geraldine, Hugh P. –Oliver, d, 1904.

McCrorry, Charles—b, 1868—m, Mary Wilson—3—Abby, John Ruth—W. O., m, Addie Steward—3—Kent, Victor and Allah.

McKinley, James—b __?_--m, Jane Coop—4—Frank, Bell, Beeks, Will.

McNabb, Criss—b, 1867—m, Minnie Nichols—Ursle—Criss died, 1931—wife, 1933.

Ursle—m, William Gugerly—0—W. G., d, 1947—wife, 1950.

McNall, William—b, 1867—m, Caroline Zimmerman—2—d, 1893—wife, 1909.

Means, Lorren—b, 1869—m, Bell Haifley—3—Walter, Ray, Stanley—L.M. d, 1929—wife, d, 1943.

Moody, John—b, 1842—m, Mrs. Minerva McCorry—1—John—J.M., d. 1910—wife, 1919.

John (2)—1875—m, Minnie Kimes—4—May Osborn—Violet Haminson—Mary, spinster—James, m, Geneva Abbott.

Moore, William—b, 1969—m, Estella Zehner—0—d, 1930.

Murray, Henry—b, 1839—m, Margaret Langley—2—Mabel, see Erick—Winnie, see Shook—H.M., d, 1923—wife, 1911.

Murray, Thomas—b, 1837—m, Pauline Opdyke—4—Laurie see Baltz—Maude, see Brown—Mary, see Rummell—Golden, see High—T.M., d, 1911—w, 1924.

Murphey, George—b, 1838—m, Nancy Devers—3—see physicians—rally, see Hart—Rossie, see McCrorry—George, bachelor—2 nd wife—Florence Knight—3—Dr. M., d, 1909—wife, 1884.

Nichols, Joshua—soldier—m, Susan Leighty—3—Minnie, see McNabb—Blanch, m, Othie Delong—0—died 1912—John—mother died at his birth—1881—reared by John Gunsenhouser—2 nd marriage-name no known—J.N., d, 1907—Minnie, d, 1938—Criss, 1931.

Olds, Samuel—b, 1818—n, Caroline Robertson—6—Ger.—Mary, see Dills-Lenna, m, McClaren—Mort, m, Ada Coder—Will m, Bertha Coughnour—d, 1950—Nell, see Bishop—Arthur, m, Wineferd Kline—2 girls, 4 boys.

Overholtzer, Isaiah—b, 1837—soldier m, Mariah Leighty—3.

Ollie—m, George Gillhouser—2—George and May Johns.

Lizzie—m, Newton Hush—1—Harry.

Edith—m, Florence Smith, see Smith—Isaiah d, 1869.

Paff, George—b, 1849—m, Mary Carnes—1—Gladys—see Houck—George, d, 1917—wife 1941.

Pervines, William—b,1845—soldier—m, Mary A. Darling—6—Frank—Etta—Lizzie—George—Pearl—Wineferd—Wm., d, 1919—wife, 1911.

Provines, John—b, 1843—soldier—m, Elizabeth Prosser—5—Minnie, see Tyndall—Claudia, see Shutt—Ella, see Fisher—Ethel, see Walters—John—J. P., d, 1915—wife, 1926.

John—m, Amelia Smalley—0—see professions.

Rectenwald, Clyde—b, 1882—m, Princess Butler—1—Warren.

Reed, William—b, _?_--m, Eva Jane Steward—4—Ida and Vera, at home—James—m, Alda Bowser—1—Verne—m, Mary Tyndall—Verne died 1928.

Rhodes, Daniel—b, 1798—Ind., 1834—m, Louisa McConnell—died 1 st year—m, Mary Grabill—8—Minerva Sanders—Amanda Kissinger, Fort Wayne—Matilda Henderson, see Henderson—Alice Beams, see Beams—Daniel—m, Haifley—Sara Patrice, Fort Wayne—Mary, spinster—Milllus—B. 1839—m, Elizabeth Beams—2—Franklyn—Raymond—Franklyn, b, 1869—Amanda Rhodes—1—Merwin—1—m, Verna Jolly—Raymond—b, 1871—m, Minta Horn—3—girls—LaVerne Koch—Helen Nehr and Lucile Fletcher—Minta d, 1943.

Rhodes, John—b, 1796—Ind., 1835—m, Mary ?—no record available, except death from tombstone. We find mentioned a John, William and Jeremiah, probably his sons, John, War of 1812.

Rhodes, Jeremiah—b, 1807—m, Ann Fleming—3—Mary Ellen, see Tyndall—Francis M., See Thomas—Marguois.

Rhodes, Capt. Marquis—b, 1835—m, Sara Harmony—3—sons, Cecil, Leon and Marcus—served in Civil War, died, 1836, in service.

Rhodes, William—b, 1844—m, Betsey Boyle, 1839—owned land in town, no other record found. Mr. Sanders in his family record, said there were 4 brothers, Came from Virginia in 1834-35—no wills, or sales bills found.

Rhodes, William—different branch—b, 1844—m, Margaret___?____--10—W. D., d 1911—wife, 1932—Anna Kugler—Emma Dove, Amanda, see Rhodes—Francis., see Lake—Ella Emrick—Edna, spinster—Inez Miller, Loren Chapie.

Frank—m, Flossie Buchanan—1.

Charles—m, Jennie Freice.

Rhoades, Mathias—b, 1813—m, Celesta Weston—1—son, Charles A.—b, 1843—m, Kate Bowman—d, 1876—1—son, Frank, of Akron.

2 nd wife—Caroline Burley—3—Metta, see furnish—Laura, m, Walter Newman—died, 1917—2.

Bernie A.—b, _?__—m, Esta Bozer—3—Joyce, Alice and Gilbert.

Charles A.—soldier Civil War—d--, 1928—wife, 1942.

Rummell, O. W.—b, 1837—m, Nancy C. Boyle—5—Civil War veteran—Lizzie, see Shutt—Louise, see Beams—John, m, in West—William, M. E. minister, see ministers—Hulbert, M.—b. _?_--m, Mary Murray—1890—moved to Oklahoma in 1904—2—Muriel R. Waller –Helen R. Symonds—H. died in1946.

Sanders, Wilson—b, 1848—m, Mary Quinsy—1—Elsworth—Wilson, d, 1925—wife, 1932.

Sanders, Elsworth—see lawyers.

Schockley, Herschel—b—m—6—Betty, Louise, Margaret, Herschel, Robert and Rawl.

Scott. Alfred—b, 1821—m, Rhoda Boyle—6—Ind., 1854—Nancy, see Chaney—Jennie, see

Chaney—Bell, see Cope—John, m, Mary Baker—2—William, bachelor--Charles—m, Della Rupert—1—Alfred, d, 1866—wife, 1891.

Scott, John—soldier Civil War—died in service.

Sechler, Wilber—m, Marcelle Hollabaugh—1—Paul.

Shook, Dr. Nelson—b, 1860—m, ??—1—Nevil—see Phys.

Shook, Dr. Benj. O.—b, 1869—m, Wineferd Murray—4—Dr. Hubert—b, 1895—m, Esther Hiner—see Phys.

Donald Langley—b, 1897—m, Ursia Mills—d, 1926—2—Wayne L. and Evelyn Jewel—1—live in S. Carolina.

Henry Murray—b, 1905—m, Jullie Dunean—3.

Richard LaMarr—b, 1913—m, Ruth Doeuch—2—see lawyers.

Dr. Ben died, 1944.

Dr. Wayne LeRoy, Donald's son—b, 1920—m, Marjorie Craig—1—see physician.

Shutt, Mrs. Nancy Dickerhoff-Shutt—b, 1798—Ind., 1848—8.

John—b, 1817—m, Elizabeth Rhoades—7. Jackson and Lewis attended grad school.

Jacob—b, 1819—m, Christena Bodie—8. Mary J. Horn and Hallie attended the grade school.

Joseph b, 1822—bachelor—d, 1903.

George—b, 1827—m, Mary Ann Houck—6. Lillian m, George Benninghoff—Samuel died at 16—Ella, m, Arthur Hart—2—Hattie m, Jack Beams—George M. m, Claudia Provines—4—Stanley m, Shirley Gourley, soldier—c, 1949—Gertrude m, Charles Markle—3; Rodger, Ellen and Harriett—Ethel m, Dayton Webb—5; Dayton, Maxine, Virginia, Louis and James.

Daniel—b, 1829—7—lived at Harlan—m, B. Etta Cope—Moved to Minnesota.

William—b, 1831—5—m, Francis Houck. Laura d, 1951—Eva m, Dr, Edward Elson—1—Alda Stevens d, 1951—Jane d, 1950—Alda m, James Brentt—d, 1898—Joy m, John Goldsmith—2; Muriel and Margie.

Samuel b, 1833—m, Rebecca Sechler—1—Delphy—8.

Levi—b, 1834—m, Louise Clemmer—2—Nettie—m, Stafford—2—Ida—m, Dallas Kelley, see Kelley—L., d, 1896—wife, 1908.

Silberg, Michael—b, 1817—m, Catherine Shaffer, 1846—6—Warren, Cash, William, Steven, Mary and Lilly—M.S. d, 1877—wife, d, 1904.

Warren b, 1852—m, Mary Jane White—7—Georgie m, George Jenkens—d, 1944—Kathryn m, Frank Steward—3—d, 1948—Frank S. 1951—Lillie m, t. M. Shull—May m, Perry Miller—d, 1903—Frank, m, Florence Miller—1—d, 1944—Vera , spinster—Walter m, Helen Oberland—3—W.S., d_?_—wife d._?_

William b, 1854—bachelor.

Steven b, 1856—m, Lucinda Shutt—died—m, Susie Miller—5—Russel b, 1884—Catherine d, 1917—Evada d, 1919—Cecil d, 1937—Garth—Steve d,_?_ 1913—wife d, 1950.

Cash. B, 1858—m, Lydia J. Parent—7—all born in Nappanee.

Mary b, 1860—m, All Bishop—2—George and Mary Beidler—d, 1904.

Lilly b, 1862—m, All Bishop—3—Bertha, Walter, d, _?_.

Shappaw, Andrew—b, 1823—Ind., 1873—shoemaker—d, 1906—wife, 1887.

Smith, G. W. A.—b, 1818—m, Sarah ___?____--4—Job—m, Carrie Quinsy—1—Keith—Job, d, 1918—wife, 1946—Mary A.—Laura—married names not known—Dr. George, see physicians.

Smith, Mrs. Mary—b _?_widow—7—John-Wm.—m, Ella Walker—Benj.—Samuel—m, Laura Getz—Florence—m, Edith Oberholtzer—3—Carlyle, m—Winnie Wilber—Isaiah and Walter.

Mattie—m, Kell Hart—2—Elizabeth and Bess Flofenstine—Edd—bachelor.

Sommers, Joe—b—m, Caroline Zehneder—2—d—wife buried at Leo.

Sommer,

William—b, 1875—m, Jessie Baltz, 1899—d, 1936.

Mary—b—1873—m, William A. Hawk—2—George and Beulah.

Spitler, Joseph—b,__--m, Emily Fales—soldier Civil War—4—Ida, m, Dan Herrick—Lydia, m,. Theodore Kressley—Oras, bachelor—Rebe, m. Sam Wasson.

Spitler, Oscar—m, Mary Luce—6—Minnie, m, Mose Oberholtzer—Dell, bachelor—Clara, m, Charles Keesler—John, killed—Edd. m, Mr. Ben Smith—Milt, m, Iva Miller.

Wearley, Clinton—b, 1867—m, Minnie Shuller—6—Fern Bevertorden—Zeneth Cuningham—Samuel.—Crystal Towns—Rhea Bolyard and A. Shuler Wearley—Clinton d, 1911.

Wearley, Greely—b, 1865—m. Lizzie Emrick—2—Ort T. b, 1894—m—3.

Leana—b, 1896—m, Fred Steward—1—Fred d, 1918—Leana 1944.

Wearley, Samuel T., b 1816—Ind.,—1852—m, Barbara Dickerhoof—8—Calvin—Maud—Mary E.—William—Lavina—Nancy A.—Greely and Clinton.

Webb, Clinton—b, 1884—m, Grace Blatz—2.

Wilson, Hiram—b, 1832—m, Barbara Bittinger—1853—6—d, 1892—w, 1891.

William—b, 1854—m, --7, George, Charles, Carrie, Hallie, Gladys and Lena.

Laura—m--.

Wallace—m, Eva Jane Steward—moved west.

Ida—m, Wallace Fales—5, Howard Henry, Grace, Lelah, Ada.

Mary—m, Charles McCrorry—3, John, Ruth and Abbie.

Wise, John—b, 1827—m, Rebecca—4, Ardella Metcalf, Clara Lampman, Rose Beams and Ada Link—J. W., d, 1902—w, 1917.

Wise, George—b, 1827—m, Harriet Snyder—3, Frank, Harriet and Sylvester—G. W., d, 1890—w, 1890.

Frank—b_?_--m, Betsey Burley—2, Orville and Lee born in Spencerville-moved to Auburn—1892.

Harriet—b,_?_--m, Baltzer Koontz—1, Hattie—d, 1893.

Sylvester—b, _?_--m, Nellie Partee—8, Beulah, m, James Value—Hattie, m, Edd Woodring—Frankie, m, Joseph Miser—Ralph and Damon—all born in Spencerville—Near Spencerville, Clarence and Almeta, Leo.

Wrenn, John—b, 1832—m, Mary Zehner—7. Benj., Ruben, martin, Harvey, Henry , ?Ann Houghton, Flora—J. W., d, 1885—w, 1924.

Yates, Thomas Lovel—first settler, cam from Ohio, Settled at Spencerville, left and died elsewhere.

Zehner, David—b, 1823—Ind., 1853—m, Elizabeth Eihinger—2, Katey Ann and Samuel.

Katy Ann, see Markle.

Samuel—1851—m, Sara Matilda Houck—2, Estella and Iva.

Estella, see Moore, Ivy, see Hollabaugh. S. Z. d, 1927—w, 1904.

Zehner, Dan—b_?_--b, Sarah Ann Eihinger—3.

Zimmerman, John 1802—Ind., 1844—m, Mary Padden. Children born in Pennsylvania, Elizabeth , Caroline, Elias, Abe Laten and Jackson; Sara, b. in Ohio, Mary Padden died.

2nd wife—Rebecca Folk—children, Rachel born in O.; Hiram, Sylvester and Benjamin born in Indiana.

3 rd wife—Mrs. Nancy Murray—O—J.Z. d, 1875—N.M. Z., 1884. Children living near Spencerville—Caroline McNall, Sarah Watson, Rachel Fisher.

Elias Z—b, 1829—m, Mary Bittinger—5—Frank and George, born at Spencerville; Adda Schlatter, Sylvester and Benj., and John at Leo—M. B. Z., d, 1872.

2nd wife—Priscilla Coder—1—Elizabeth—Cleveland, Ohio.

E.E. died,. 1914—wife, Nancy, 1884.

Abe Laten Z.—b, 1831—m, Rebecca Tyndall—1—William.

2nd wife—Lavina Furd—1, Lizzie and Maggie.

Hiram—b, 1847—bachelor—Washington, D. C.—died at Spencerville, 1871.

Sylvester—b, 1850—m, Alice Bishop—2, Minnie and Lenna. Girls moved to Colo. S. z. d, 1907—wife, 1937.

Benjamin—b, 1852—m, Jennie Shaffer—1, Grace.

2nd wife—Mrs. Mary Hay—B.Z., d, 1912—Mrs. H., 1934.

Zimmerman, Wesley—b, 1854—m, Alice Gibbons—2—Bina and Ray—W.Z., d, 1924—wife, 1935.

Bina m, Graw--Ray m, Lenna Kelley—1—Dallas m, Lousie Shockley—1—Jean.

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First In Spencerville

Settler---Thomas Lovel Yates, September 13, 1833.

Birth—Unknown; Death—child of Thomas L. Yates.

Wedding in Concord township—Nelson Ulm and Belvia Lockwood, 1837.

Prayer meeting in John Rhodes' cabin.

Methodist church organized, 1841.

Lutheran church organized, 1849.

School House—Log cabin back of Wise Blacksmith shop.

School teacher—Asa Fletcher.

Postmaster—Joseph Sawtell.

Tavern—Aaron Fetters.

Hotel—John Rhodes.

Saloon—Moses Sopper.

Thrashing machine—John Zimmerman.

Fanning mill—Alexander DeVilbis.

Home made wagon—John Leighty.

High wheel bicycle—Wall Fales.

Low wheel—Bert Fisher.

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Buggy—Henry Murray.

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Water power saw mill—Ruben J. Dawson.

Steam saw mill—Peter Bowman.

Corn cracker—William Mathews.

Storekeeper—Aaro Peas.

Shoemaker—Asa Fletcher.

Fraternal Order—I. O. O. F.

Oldest house now standing—William Tyndal now owned by William Foltz, log.

Frame house—Elliott Barney house, built by Dr. Morris now owned by Mrs. Steman.

First Frame—built by Michael Silberg for Bushrood Catlin.

First Brick—built by John Zimmerman.

First blacksmith shop—run by Isaiah Oberholtzer, Stood on corner alley where Ericks store stood. Moved to back of Silberg lot when John Leighty built the store in 1864.

Last but not Least --- The Cemetery

The first settlers probably buried their dead on some favorite home spot, some around the Methodist church, and some on the northeast corner of the George Houck farm. I well remember seeing the monuments. The ground was so wet they bought a plot from Rudolph Bair, St., south of town and across Carnes Run. Rudolph Bair, Jr., first wife, Catherine, was the first to be buried there in 1849. The graves from the church and Houck farm were moved there some few years ago. Andy Sponohour bought land across the road and opened up a new plot. Having no official organization, the town got together, organized and call the cemetery, The White City.

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Auburn Courier August 13, 1896

Married Hundreds- Novel Reunion in Indiana-Pastor Meese Has Called together the 1,500 couples He Has United and They will Celebrate at Auburn on August 20.

Huntington, Ind., Aug. 2-One of the queerest reunions in the history of Indiana will take place at Auburn, DeKalb County, Ind., on Aug. 20. It is to be composed of the men and women who have been united in marriage by the Rev. W. L. Meese during his ministry there. They form a fair proportion of the population of DeKalb County besides being represented in every other state in the union. This novel idea has taken immensely with them and the prospects are that there will be a gathering that will be memorable.

For years the Rev. William L. Meese or "Uncle Billy," as he is called, has officiated at a large share of the matrimonial ceremonies held in that county. Finally it developed into a popular impression that the thing was not properly done unless it had his pious sanction. This has been especially the case among the rustics, until now the peace-loving man can not put his finger on the county map without covering broad acres tilled by men who were made benedicts by him. How many there are of them the parson does not know and the records do not disclose, but he has officiated in that capacity more times than has any other minister now living in this section, and it is safe to say that the number will reach 1,500. Of these many have since attained distinction in different walks of life, and is a fact of which the Rev. Meese is proud that very few of his marriages have been undone by divorce courts.

Programme of the Reunion

The novel programme proposed for Aug. 20, was brought about by the desire of Mr. Meese to round out his active ministry by a grand gathering of all those whom he has started out in life. He announced the idea several weeks ago and it met with instantaneous approval. Letters of congratulations and offers of assistance came pouring in and at this early date is an assured success. Speakers of local prominence have been secured to address the gathering. It will be an all day affair. A brass band has been engaged to enliven the occasion with music and a great chorus of voices will assist it.

The reunion will be held in a beautiful grove at the edge of town. There will be hammocks and swings and enough good things to eat to make the hearts of visitors glad. Intermingled with the music will be oratory and recitations and the finale will be a grand march led by the first couple married by Rev. Mr. Meese. They are George Swineford and wife (nee Belle Hornberger). The newest married couple will have the honor of the left of the line and no one will venture to guess who they will be, as Mr. Meese has announced that he will marry anyone free on that day who will make an application.

When the procession has reached the proper position it will about face and will be "taken" by a local photographer who has been fortunate enough to secure the exclusive right to the job.

That is the programme as now made out for the first matrimonnial reunion ever held in this country so far as known.

Sketch of the Minister

The man who is thus honored was born in Canal Fulton, O., on Dec. 14, 1828. He was confirmed in the Catholic Church at

Massillon in 1844. He was a towboy on the Wabash and Erie canal from 1846 to 1853 and moved to Indiana in 1855. He joined the Methodist church in 1856 and in the same year was licensed as an exhorter. In 1877 he was licensed to preach. He was elected sheriff of DeKalb County in 1872 and again in 1874.

During the forty years of his work as an exhorter and minister he has made the acquaintance of nearly every man, woman and child in the county. His popularity with the country people is boundless. He officiates at their marriages and funerals and is consulted in naming the new-born children. It has been said that some of these people would refuse to die unless they were assured that "Uncle Billy" would officiate at their funerals.

Notwithstanding his life of activity and success as a minister he is poor. He is charitably inclined and is a splendid type of the old time preacher. He was never a politician in the popular sense of the word; yet when he ran for sheriff he overturned an adverse majority. It has been estimated that if only persons whom he had married with their descendants, were to vote for him, he could be elected to any office in the county.

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Name	Woman	Residence	Date	Chil'n
George Swineford	Isabel Hornberger	Mt. Hope	Nov. 2, 1879	-
Silas S. Potter	Etta Lochner	Auburn	June 5, 1889	1
Edward Beaty	Anna Lochner	Auburn	Nov. 20, 1888	1
Thomas Horner	Lina Surface	Auburn	Mch. 28, 1880	5
John L. Keeran	Anise C. Beeber	Auburn	Sept. 25, 1884	1
George W. Quince	Viona Durham	Auburn	April 25, 1885	2
Oscar Hanes	Carrie Myers	Angola	Dec. 23, 1886	-
Thomas Cool	Amanda Myers	Auburn	June 12, 1881	6
G. W. Burtzer	Rachael A. Lyon	Auburn	Sept. 4, 1881	2
Wm. P. Lucas	Ella Boyle	St. Joe	Sept. 9, 1885	-
David Heitz	Emma Willer	Butler Twp.	Oct. 12, 1890	3
Thos. C. Stafford	Ida A. Moore	Auburn	Mch. 6, 1878	3
John C. Lochner	Darley Clark	Auburn	May 9, 1894	1
Reuben Clouse	Manda Lacy	Auburn	Feb. 17, 1882	3
W. B. Rohn	Phebe C. Townley	Waterloo	Dec. 23, 1893	-
Joseph Ferguson	Cora Kosht	Union Twp.	Dec. 27, 1890	1

William Clouse	Maude Miltop	Auburn	Jan. 29, 1882	3
Joseph Kelham	Lydia Simon	Butler Twp.	Mch. 29, 1882	3
August Bohlke	Myrtle Maurer	Auburn	May 6, 1890	1
Alex D. Freeman	Sylvia Bailey	Auburn	April 18, 1880	7
A. C. Baker	Minerva Knight	St. Joe	Nov. 10, 1885	1
C. W. Lanham	Lizzie Clouse	Auburn	Sep. 10, 1891	2
M. Springer	Laura Carper	Auburn	Mch. 25, 1891	2
W. S. Dancer	Mary E. Cool	Jackson Tp	Mch. 11, 1880	7
James Freeman	Anna Beugnot	Butler Tp	Feb. 5, 1895	1
David Dulaney	Margaret Carr	Auburn	Dec. 20, 1887	2
Jacob M. Smith	Ida Fansler	Cedar Creek	feb. 23, 1888	1
David Matheny	Mary Hough	Auburn	Sep 25, 1882	2
Albert Thrush	Ella Pepple	New Era	Jan. 1, 1882	5
Wm. Fitch	Lucinda DePotte	Ft. Wayne	Mch. 22, 1892	2
Clyde Brandon	Clara Hough	Auburn	Dec. 25, 1887	3
F. A. Squires	Della McConahey	Auburn	Dec. 24, 1887	1
Geo. W. Beeber	Lydia Hall	Auburn	Sep. 30, 1881	2
John Clark	Eva Wise	Auburn	Nov. 24, 1881	-
H. A. Penland	Minnie Hallam	Auburn	June 25, 1892	2
E. T. Cochran	BelleShook	Auburn	Mch. 24, 1886	-
F. E. Hensinger	Belle Crum	Auburn	July 3, 1891	2
Ellis Cartright	Kate Hensinger	Auburn	Apr. 16, 1891	2
John Strouse	Millie Osbun	Auburn	Apr. 10, 1884	4
L. E. Harding	Alice King	Linn Grove	Apr. 7, 1887	-
Frnak Cosper	Jane McDaniel	Auburn	Nov. 2, 1882	2
B. Bailey	Nettie J Wise	Auburn	Dec. 25, 1889	1
Daniel Houk	Arilla Kiner	spencerville	Nov. 22, 1883	3
Serenus Haag	Ella Draime	Cedar Creek	July 28, 1888	3

Edward Kelham	Viola Whetzel	Garrett	Feb. 1, 1880	4
William O. Stantes	Laura Anderson	Auburn	Jan. 1, 1891	3
Joseph Cochran	Mary E. Miser	Auburn	Oct. 6, 1881	3

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W. L. Moore	Inez B. Smurr	LaGrange	Aug. 16, 1885	1
Uriah Shank	Rebecca Stonestreet	Cedar Creek	Sep. 25, 1880	2
S. F. Morr	Effa Provines	Auburn	June 27, 1891	3
Jno W Bucher	Ellen Gulick	Auburn	July 2, 1891	2
R Blum	Rose A Shaffer	Garrett	Mch 29, 1888	1
Cory Shugers	Ida Wildeson	Auburn	Oct 17, 1889	-
Levi Barnhart	Ida Smurr	Mooresville	Oct 21, 1883	4
Samuel Watson	Clara Slusser	Huntington	Sept 12, 1880	4
J M Brown	Malinda Stafford	Oufa	Dec. 18, 1880	4
Norman Donalson	Lida Reed	Auburn	Oct 18, 1891	2
L.F. Weygandt	Jennie Freeman	Ft. Wayne	Apr. 2, 1889	2
Jacob Shull	Elizabeth A. Morr	Auburn Jc.	Jan. 8, 1891	2
Wm. Blodgett	Pluma Miller	Auburn	Nov. 16, 1893	1
Miles Embry	Jennie Weygandt	DeKalb P O	Jan. 8, 1888	1
Wm. G. Boren	Ida A Wasler	Auburn	Feb. 8, 1886	3
Wilbert Lutz	Etta Pugsley	Concord	Aug. 18. 1896	-
John Spear	Cora Boren	Auburn	Jan 12, 1896	-
John D. Essig	Mary E. Carnahan	Auburn	Dec. 1, 1888	2
J. R. Lewellyn	Alice Ridge	Waterloo	Apr. 3, 1886	-

Joseph Morr	Lucy B. Frick	Waterloo	Oct. 25, 1892	2
Walter G. Pugsley	Maude E Haney	Butler	July 23, 1896	-
Wm. Watson	Bertha Grim	Spencerville	Mch. 28, 1891	3
Willard J. Potter	Jennie Wenrich	Auburn	Aug. 12, 1886	2
N. S. Squires	Christina Wagner	Auburn	Oct. 9, 1890	3
C. V. Brandon	Almeda Myers	Auburn	Jan. 15., 1887	1
Samuel Noel	Susan Draime	Garrett	Jan. 26., 1882	3
Samuel Culver	Anna Rakestraw	Auburn	Jan. 11, 1892	-
Tim McDowell	Adda Essick	Auburn	Dec. 20, 1886	2
James M. Owens	Junie E. French	Auburn	Dec. 18, 1886	3
Henry H. Witt	Rosa A. Lahnum	Auburn	Dec. 23, 1889	-
Clinton J. Feagler	Florence L. Pence	Altona	Apr. 2, 1896	-
Emmett Kosht	Jennie Ferguson	Auburn	Apr. 17, 1893	-
Porter Depew	Dora Bailey	Auburn	Jan. 12, 1885	1
John Lawrence	Emma A. Sheffer	Auburn	Dec. 18, 1885	-
T. F. Elson	M. E. Cornell	Auburn	Oct. 14, 1880	5
Thomas Mason	Diana Hathaway	Garrett	Sep. 9, 1881	7
Louis Culler	Carrie Shaffer	Chicago, Ill	Sep. 4, 1883	2
H. M. Phillips	Alice A. Wise	Auburn	July 22, 1882	1
Geo. Kelham	Nettie Yard	Swan	Apr. 18, 1886	2
J. H. Walters	Rose Houston	Auburn	May 31, 1888	1
J. M. Carmer	Nora Reasoner	Auburn	Dec. 4, 1890	2
M. W. Bishop	Hannah E. Brown	Auburn	Dec. 24, 1885	-
A. M. Carr	Anna Strebe	Auburn	Nov. 26, 1889	2
A. Mason	Elmina Mitchell	Auburn	Dec. 17, 1890	1
Silas Nugen	Emma Bartels	Auburn	Oct. 1, 1885	-
Wm. Armstrong	Lizzie Bowen	Auburn	July 9, 1882	6
Elsworth Draggoo	Cora Stout	Butler	Nov. 19, ----	4

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Wm. H. Grube	- Sheets	Auburn	Dec. 18, 1889	1
Clinton Potter	Georgie Maxwell	Auburn	Nov. 29, 1889	1
John W. Cool	Alice Armstrong	Auburn	Mar. 27, 1885	-
Frank Groves	Sarah J. Hensinger	Auburn	Mar. 21, 1883	-
Dr. F. M. Hines	- Carper	Auburn	Mar. 29, 1885	5
Geo. Chapman	Winnie Potter	Auburn	Nov. 27,1889	2
Marion Osbun	Rickie Kruger	Auburn	-	-
Grant Owen	Ora Hoffman	Auburn	Dec. 6, 1885	2

the staples as well as luxuries in the menu provided that the women were experts in the culinary art and in quantity several brought baskets of huge proportions to supply those who were not provided for. The generosity of those in charge could not have been surprised. After dinner hour some time was spent in the literary part of the program and officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. Harriet Wilsey of Traverse City, Mich., was chose president and Mrs. Viola Huett of New Port, Michigan, secretary. It was decided that the next reunion would be held at he home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilsey, Traverse City, Mich. Those present from out of town were: Mrs. Laura Rose of Alden, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Emery Burch and two children, Ellen and Leon, of Bay Shore, Mich.; Mrs. Harriet Wilsey, Traverse City, Mich.; Mrs. Nancy Terwilleger, White Cloud, Mich.; Mr. Miles Cox, Summit City (Re: Unknown newspaper)

Cox

A most pleasant reunion of the Cox family was held on last Friday, Oct. 26, 1894, at the home of Simeon Cox, Big Prairie, Newaygo county, Mich. The relatives and guest numbered forty-one. The children were all present but Otis, who lives near Coldwater. This time honored custom is to be observed every year in honor and loving remembrance by the children and grandchildren and other relatives of the departed parents of the Cox family. A family who in the early pioneer days of this country through hardships helped make our country what it is. The occasion was one long to be remembered. After a most bountiful dinner was served the guests were seated, the Potts family delighted the company with excellent music. Take it all in all the Cox reunion was a pleasant meeting, The next family reunion will be held at the home of Otis Cox, Coldwater, Mich. (Re: Unknown newspaper)

Cox

The second annual reunion of the Cox family occurred at the residence of Otis Cox in southeast Coldwater township on the 10th ist. The following named relative from a distance were present; Newton Cox, and family, John May, of Ashley, Ind.; Isaac Getts and family and Joseph Miller and family of Hudson, Ind.; Mrs. Samuel Mortorff and son, of Summit, Ind.; Simeon Cox of Newaygo Co., Mich.; Mrs. Terwilliger and daughter, of White Cloud, Mich.; Otis L. Cox, of White Pigeon; George Preston, of Hastings, Mich.; O. A. Vanderbilt and family of Batavia. The day was very pleasantly spent in visiting, music, games and other amusements, making it one long to be remembered by all who participated. (Re: Coldwater Courier, Oct 19, 1895)

Cox

The family of William and Nancy Cox deceased met Oct. 1, 1896, at the residence of Mrs. Sarah A. Mortorff. There were fifty-two present, including seven children. The relatives from a distance were Simeon S. Cox of Newyago county, Michigan; Miles S. Cox and Harriet E. Wilsey of Traverse, Michigan; Otis Cox and wife, Miss Belle Cox and Mr. Ted Cox and wife of Coldwater, Mich.; Laura Rose of Williamsburg, Mich.; O. Vanderbelt and wife and daughter Lettie, Batavia, Mich.; Mr. Preston and wife, Maysville, In. Other present were Samuel Mortorff, wife and family, I. N. Cox, wife and family, I. H. Getts, wife and family, Sol Gear, wife and family, J. K. Miller, wife and two daughters, Ira Mortorff, wife and child, Jerry Mortoff, and wife, Orin Goodrich and wife, Mr. May of Ashley, and George Smith and wife of Ossian, Ind. Dinner was served which was a credit to Mrs. Mortorff. A good time was had by all present. Mr. Simeon Cox, the oldest of this family cut the first stick of timber on the land where Ashley now send forth smoke from her shops and factories. The next reunion will be held at the home of Mr. M. S. Cox, in Traverse, Mich. One Who Was There (Re: Unknown newspaper)

Cox

Baxter-Duncan

The annual reunion of the Baxter-Duncan families brought out a large attendance at the school park last Thursday, and the register shows that one hundred twenty-five were present. No regular program had been arranged for the day but the time was engaged in having a genuine old fashioned reunion, such as visiting and renewing acquaintances, and telling of days gone bye. One of the special features of the Baxter-Duncan reunions is the dinner, and this year it was no less a feature than formerly, and it was a happy looking party as they were gathered at long tables under the shade of the big maples in the school park. The tables were loaded with everything imaginable that was good to eat. George Baxter, of Ft. Wayne was elected president, Dr. Wm. Duncan, of Waterloo, vice president, and Mrs. J. C. Duncan, Waterloo, secretary. In addressing the Duncan and Baxter families, Miss Agnes Baxter Jones said "My dear relatives and friends: For some weeks past I have thought I could not say anything today in behalf of our much loved family reunion. So many of our dear ones have gone from among us that I am sure we all must miss them. The last one to leave us was our much loved President, John W. Baxter. At our last meeting he requested us to make this one of the "very best reunion" we have ever had. Can we do this without his aid? I think not today, at least. Let us all endeavor to honor his advice in the discharge of every duty. I must now quote some of his words at the former Reunion; "That we, as member of the Duncan and Baxter families, have much to be proud of in our Ancestors. Please do not think me clannish or egotistical. Every person's kindred seems the best to them, which is a measure is true, as ours is to us." So now, my dear ones of a younger class, be faithful in the discharge of every known duty, and do no allow yourselves to become the least bit careless in this great work. Allow me to call the names of the loved ones who have left vacant places. Viz: Mrs. Lydia Baxter Jackman, Mrs. Mary Smith McLeod, Mary Jackman, Sherman B. Jackman, Cora Baxter, John Duncan, so faithful, unselfish and kind to us all, Mrs. May Kegeries Chapman, Mrs. Mary Duncan Chapman, Mrs. Dessie Kegeries Gramling, Mrs. Emma Baxter Fee, True Oberlin, John W. Baxter, Alvina Baxter Baughman. (Re: Waterloo Press - Sept. 2, 1915)

DeLong Family

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Eberly

The annual reunion of the Eberly family was held in Waterloo last Thursday. In the morning the falling of a shower of rain made the day seem threatening, and the local members of the family arranged to hold the meeting in the town hall. The large auditorium was soon in readiness. Tables were brought to the hall and when the morning trains came in from the east many were soon seen about the town hall. Those from this

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Names identified in this above article are:

Marion S. DeLong
Miss Opal DeLong
Murl DeLong
Prob. The Hovarters of Sturgis, Michigan Len Hovarter

/ Need to identify which James DeLong was the host - prob. James Marion DeLong
Rose Delong
Ruth Warring
Mrs. Folick of Churubusco
Ila DeLong
Keith DeLong
Helen DeLong
/ Mary Wittig, Hicksville - Henry Fair, Alice + John Wittig, Mary Irene Whittig
Mrs. Clark of Elkhart
Marie Delong of Flint
Ruth DeLong
Mrs. Philema Jones

An unusually pleasant gathering was held Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the residence of Otis B. Cox, Coldwater township, when the relatives and friends of Wm. Cox family met to spend the day in a family reunion. After a forenoon given to general greetings and visiting, an elegant dinner was daintily served and heartily enjoyed by all. A short but interesting program, consisting of talks, historical sketches, recitations and music was rendered in the afternoon. Those present from a distance were Mr. Isaac Getz, son and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, of Hudson, Ind.; Mrs. and Mrs. Freed, of Summit, Ind.; Mrs. and Mrs. Ira Mortoff and I. N. Cox, of Ashley, Ind.; and Mr. and Mrs. Orman Mortoff, of Salem, Ind. Mr. I. N. Cox was chosen president and Mrs. Jennie Miller secretary of the ensuing year. The next reunion will be held at the home of Mrs. Freed. (Re: Courier Coldwater, Oct. 18, 1902)

Cox

The annual reunion of Wm. Cox family was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Cox of southeast Coldwater township, on Wednesday, Oct. 14. (penciled in 1908) Wm. Cox emigrated from northern Ohio in 1850 and settled in DeKalb Co., Ind. Seven children lived to raise families and those families have just held their fifteenth reunion. Sixty of the friends and relatives were present. The weather was favorable and the company amused themselves with out-door sports and renewing old acquaintances. Among those from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Auken, of Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. Emery Rose, of Alden, Mich.; Miles Cox and Mrs. John Wilsey, of Summit, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Cox and Mrs. Joseph Miller, of Ashley, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Cox, of Corunna, Ind., Mrs. John May, of St. Joe, Ind., Mrs. Sarah Field and Jerry Mortoff, of Summit, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Orin Mortoff, of Stroh, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Vanderbilt and George Miller, of Batavia. The program consisted of singing, recitations and short talks. The Rev. M__ Bachelor, of Coldwater, contributed not a little to the pleasure of the occasion while Newton Cox acted as family historian. As the afternoon was far spent farewells were said, all hoping to meet in 1909 in reunion with Mrs. Sarah Freed. (following article was reunion news) Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Olney, of Traverse City, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox of Girard. Mrs. Olney is a sister of Mr. Cox. (Re: Courier, Coldwater, Michigan, October 19, 1908)

Carnahan

The ninth annual reunion of the Carnahan family has come and gone and passed into history. They assembled at the old homestead of Samuel Carnahan, now occupied by his widow, Elizabeth and their son, Perry, to do honor tot the four remaining ancestors, Hezekiah and wife, Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Carnahan of DeKalb Co., and James Carnahan of Oakwood, Ohio. The day was very warm and pleasant and everything had been previously arranged to make the reunion a success. Many came from a distance, arriving the day before. At the noon hour the many well filled baskets were unloaded at the long table which had been fixed under a large canopy of canvass sufficiently to accommodated one hundred and four persons, nevertheless the second table had to be arranged to accommodate the large crowd. After all had done justice to the any good things, Mr. Rhinehold, the photographer, of Auburn, arranged them under a large sugar tree and took their picture. They then listened to speeches music and recitations, which was amusing, entertaining and interesting. The committee appointed by Perry Carnahan, the President, consisting of Harry Fuller of Oakwood, Ohio, Milton, James, Abner and John Carnahan of DeKalb Co., reported that the next reunion would be held at William Moudy's east of Auburn. Wm. Moudy being elected president for the coming year, and son, W. E. Moudy, retained to act as secretary for another year. Harry Fuller, Milton Carnahan and Ellen Moudy were appointed as a memorial committee. At a late hour they all returned to their several homes, happy with the ties of relationship made stronger and that they had attended on of the best reunions ever held it their history. (Re: Auburn Weekly Courier Sept. 7, 1905)

Clark

L. L. Denison with a large tent, a long table, seats and swings and the time was spent in visiting, music and singing until the call for dinner. And all pronounced the picnic a grand success. (Re: Auburn Courier - Sept. 14, 1902)

Duncan-Baxter

The Duncan-Baxter families held their annual reunion in the Waterloo school park last Thursday. As soon as the members of the families began to arrive they entered into the spirit of the day and everyone seemed to have a good time. It was a big day for the Johns, and there were several John Duncans and several John Baxters. The two families are closely connected and for that reason they organized several years ago and have since been holding their reunions as one large family. In this way they meet many of their relatives and friends, and they form a very congenial party. It was necessary to spread two tables for the accommodation of the reunion, and after all were fed there was enough left to feed that many more. The Duncans like the Baxters are good cooks and good eaters, and every year their appetizing meals seem to grow better. Miles Baxter, president of the reunion, called the members of the two families to order after the dinner was over, and a business session was held and officers were elected for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: President-Wm. Duncan; Secretary-Treasurer-Mrs. John C. Duncan; Vice President-To be the oldest member present at the next reunion. The next reunion will be held in the Waterloo school park on Thursday, Aug. 30, the time being fixed as the last Thursday of the month. After the business was transacted there were a number of speeches made and short talks which proved to be very entertaining to those present, Mr. John W. Baxter, of Auburn, gave a very interesting talk on the pioneer life of the Duncan and Baxter families, and in his remarks he brought the family down to the present generation, which still shows the same signs of thrift and staunch citizenship. After the program part of the meeting, which was an informal one, ice cream was served and the warm afternoon made it a treat that was much enjoyed. The following is a list of those who came from a distance to attend the reunion: Will Baxter and son, of Chicago; Mrs. Ralph Rainer and children of South Bend; P. V. Duncan and Miss Maude Duncan, of Toledo; Mrs. Lizzie Peck, of Edon; Joe Baxter, Mrs. Baughman and Miss Maud Baughman of Kalamazoo; Mrs. Homer Henning of Detroit; C. S. McLeod, of Garrett; Mrs. and Mrs. J. W. Baxter, Miles Baxter and wife and children of Auburn, and John Baxter and wife, of Butler. (Re: Waterloo Press - Sept. 4, 1913)

Duncan-Baxter

Last Thursday was family reunion day in Waterloo for sure. The Duncan-Baxter families assembled in the school park and by the time the noon hour arrived there was a good sized crowd present. A dinner was spread on one long table under the shade of the park trees and there was a happy crowd as they assembled about the table to partake of the feast, which had been prepared. After dinner was over the company collected in a large group and some time was spent in visiting and when the meeting was called to order there were a number of members of the families who were called upon for short talks. The business part of the meeting was held and it resulted in the election of John W. Baxter, of Auburn, president, Sheldon Jackman, of Ashley, vice president, and Mrs. John C. Duncan, of Waterloo, secretary-treasurer. It was decide that the next meeting should be held in the school park in Waterloo the third Thursday of August. The presence of James R. Duncan, at one time a resident of Waterloo, who, a few weeks ago returned to his home in Elkhart, after having spent a couple of years in Florida, called attention to the fact that he was the oldest Duncan present, and he made a few remarks encouraging the continuation of such gatherings. One of the features of the dinner was a handsome cake baked by Mrs. Allen Wolf, decorated in colors and bore the words, "Duncan-Baxter Reunion, Aug. 27, 1914." It was a good as it looked as was the whole dinner. In all there were one hundred forty-six present and the day will be remembered for some time to come. (Re: Waterloo Press - Sept. 3, 1914)

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dirrim-Gillispie

An enjoyable event and family gathering was held at the family residence of James Dirrim, in Franklin township, for the purpose of celebrating the Golden Wedding of the ages couple on the 16th inst., by the children and which was a surprise to them. James Dirrim and Hannah Gillispie were married April 16th, 1835, in Wayne county, Ohio. There was born to them ten children, all were present but three, to wit: Mrs. F. D. Oberlin, Leonard Dirrim, Mrs. Milton Barker, Isaac D. Dirrim, Wesley H. Dirrim, Mrs. E. A. Crane, Milton Dirrim, Mrs. Hueston, Richard Dirrim and James Dirrim, who died in the service of his country; and W__ley, Isaac and Richard were also soldiers. James Dirrim and his two brothers Isaac and William settled in DeKalb county in the spring of 1845. They endured all the hardships incident to the earlier settlers of our now beautiful country. By their honest labor and uprightness in their dealings with their fellow men, they have gained a competence to sustain in them in their declining years. James and his faithful companion have had for the past fifty years the support and precepts of their Savior to sustain them in their life struggles. Uncle "Jimmie" has been a member of the M. E. church for fifty-six years. He and his two brother have been members of the M. E. church at Hamilton for forty years. The living children were all present but two, Richard is in Colorado and William, by a former wife, lives at Auburn. There were twenty-nine grand children and five great grand children, and seventy-five persons in all. The principal presents given were $15 in gold, one set single harness, several tidies and silk handkerchiefs, etc. It was a pleasant gathering and enjoyed by all, and will be one of lasting memory. And in connection with the above notable event, we say that there are three other old settlers that could have celebrated their golden wedding in the past three years, namely: Daniel Kepler, John Benner and Isaac Dirrim. (Re: Waterloo Press - April 23, 1885 pg. 1, col. 2&3 also Hamilton News April 20th, 1885)

Vallou---Latson

Another DeKalb couple has just celebrated the fiftieth year of married life. Wm. Vallou and wife, whose home is near Garrett, called in their friends on Sunday, July 30, 1893, to celebrate with them this happy though rare occasion.

Peter Becker at the corner of Wanye and Union street, to spend the day and to meet their friends who might call during the afternoon. They were the recipients of many callers during the afternoon, and about three o'clock a large delegation of the members of the U. B. church called in a body. Mr. Isaac Speer acted as spokesman and presented each of them with a five dollar gold piece, as a memento of the occasion, saying that they could keep it or spend it for their own enjoyment. Later in the afternoon Rev. Beauchamp called and went through a marriage ceremony, again the bride and groom taking the vow that they did fifty years ago. After the afternoon callers had gone a family party followed and luncheon was served to the member of the family and their guest, and the company comprised the following: Mr. Hiram McEntarfer and Mr. Clyde Lower and son Eston, of Toledo, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Eckhart and Mrs. Zella McEntarfer, of Auburn, Mrs. Rena Dolph, of Pleasant Lake, Frank W. McEntarfer, Mr. and Mrs. Troden Bookmiller, Lisle McEntarfer and Miss Mary McIntosh, Mrs. Harrison Daniels, Mrs. Catherine Becker, Mrs. Mary Sieberts, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Musser, and Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Beauchamp, of Waterloo. The Becker home was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The guests were served with wafers and grape juice. During the afternoon there were a large number of callers and they wished the bride and groom of fifty years many happy days for their future. Mr. and Mrs. Lower are numbered among the substantial people of Waterloo. They have lived in this place nearly all their lives, and during that time no one ever was known to have any but the most kindly feeling for them. Mr. and Mrs. Becker did their part in making the day a happy one for their parents, and they won the admiration of their many friends for their kindly act. It was on May 4, 1869 that Mr. Alonzo Lower was untied in marriage to Miss Ellen McEntarfer, daughter of Isaac and Susan McEntarfer. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents in the first ward and just opposite where they now live, which home they moved into after their marriage and have resided there ever since. B. B. Long, Esq., performed the marriage ceremony. Mr. Lower is a civil war veteran and a member to the G. A. R., Waterloo Post No. 52, and also a member of I. O. O. F. Waterloo Lodge No. 221. Mrs. and Mrs. Lower are members of the U. B. church, of Waterloo, and are numbered among the oldest members of the church in this place. The whole affair proved to be a very happy event for all concerned, and it was a meeting of friends and family that will never be again on a like occasion. (Re: Waterloo Press - May 8, 1919)

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lower

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lower celebrated their silver anniversary last Sunday. A potluck dinner was served and there were about thirty-six present, all of the children being there excepting Miss Thelma Lower, who is in Humboldt, Ill. A purse of silver was left for the bride and groom of a quarter of a century. All present report a very enjoyable day. (Re: Waterloo Press - Dec. 7, 1922)

Mr. and Mrs. William Meek

Sunday was a red letter day for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meek, of this place, and their home was made a pleasant scene when the family gathered for a big wedding dinner. It was a home coming for the family and their three children and their families were present with other relatives, all adding to the joy of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Meek have lived in Waterloo during most of their married life, and they have a very pleasant home on Maple street. There are many people who would not suppose that they had been married for fifty yeas, as they have held their age and health during this time. (Re: Waterloo Press - April 24, 1919)

Mr. and Mrs. William Moudy

Ellen
1921
68
1853

Wm. Moudy
1921
71
1850

Mr. and Mrs. William Moudy, of Wilmington township, parents of Col. Alfred L. Moudy, of this place will observe their golden wedding anniversary on Dec. 21st. This will be a red letter day for the aged couple, and they are planning to have their family together on this occasion. Mr. Moudy is seventy-one years of age and Mrs. Moudy is sixty-eight. Mrs. Moudy was formerly Ellen Caranhan. They were united in marriage on Dec. 21, 1871, and ever since their marriage have lived in DeKalb county. For the past twenty-five years they have lived at their present home in Wilmington township. Mrs. Moudy has lived in DeKalb county all her life. Mr. Moudy came to DeKalb county from Allen county at the time of their marriage and then settled on a farm in Jackson township. Both have been hard workers all their lives and still continue to operate their farm successfully, and enjoy the work required. They have reared a family of five sons and one daughter. They are all married and have homes of their own, and all will be home on December 21 to help in the celebration of the Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Moudy are among the best people of the county and have been active and earnest in their church affiliations. (Re: Waterloo Press - Dec. 15, 1921)

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Newcomer

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Newcomer celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary last Friday, Aug. 4th, when one hundred fifty of their friends and relatives gathered at their home in Waterloo to make the day a continued round of joy as has been the fifty years of their married life. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer, who are apparently in good health for people of their age, enjoyed the event to the fullest. The friends began to assemble at about ten o'clock and until the noon hour about one hundred and gathered at their home. Four long tables were placed on the lawn, decorated in green foliage and flowers, and spread with the delicious delicacies and such food as would be fitted for such a feast. One table was especially arranged for the bridal couple. A large wedding cake adorned the center of the table. The cake was made and presented by the six grand daughters and was six times the size of a common cake, Fifty candles were on the cake, each representing one year of their married life. These were presented by their only great-grand daughter, Mary Maxine, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pearson. Above the cake hung a large white

wedding bell twined in ivy and pink roses. Mrs. Hineman, Bryan, Ohio, played the wedding march while the bridal group marched to the table and were seated. During the day many things, which are appropriate for an event of this character, took place, and Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer expressed the thought that they were as happy as they were on their wedding day fifty years ago. Judge C. L. Newcomer, of Bryan, O., gave a talk in which he spoke of the comparison of the two days, one fifty years ago, and now. And of the progress that time had made. Also of the many hardships facing those who started on the bark of life at that time and of the many blessings reaped as a reward for their efforts. He told about and showed a rolling pin which the groom of fifty years ago made from a sled stake the morning following the wedding day to meet an emergency at that time. The bride has used the same rolling pin for fifty years and insists that none other however modern would induce her to part with it. At a late hour in the afternoon the guest departed, showering upon Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer many loving wishes for their future life. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer were recipients of many valuable presents which they will cherish as long as they live as tokens of the great event that has been theirs to enjoy. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer wish to express their sincere thanks to all who helped to make and contributed favors to make the golden wedding day a success. Those who were present from a distance were: Judge C. L. Newcomer and family, Mrs. Barbara and Miss Minnie Newcomer, and Mrs. Erman Hineman, of Bryan, Ohio, Mrs. Ida King, Mr. and Mrs. John Bucks and son, Eston, and Mrs. L. King, of Edgerton, O., Mrs. Maria Gingrich and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Spake and family, of Butler, and Mrs. T. Marsh, of Angola. (Re: Waterloo Press - Aug. 10, 1922)

Beidler-Shaffer

Married at the Reformed church parsonage, Waterloo, Ind., by the Rev. Mr. Bair, April 10th, 1874, Arabella Lucretia Shaffer, daughter of Jacob B. and Mathilda (Faber) Shaffer and Hiram Wesley Beidler, son of John and Elizabeth Ann (Fisher) Beidler. Thursday, April 10th being the 50th anniversary of this event, Mrs. Harry Beidler, daughter-in-law and Mrs. Cora Hamilton-Norton, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Beidler arranged and carried out a surprise six o'clock family dinner. The table decorations were double yellow tulips presented by Harry Hamilton and yellow everlasting cosmos from Mrs. J. C. Beidler, also two large angelfood cakes appropriately decorated in gold, one presented by Mrs. J. S. Moyer and one by Mrs. Norton. Friends called throughout the day to offer their congratulations and good wishes-other flowers received were potted yellow hyacinths from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beidler and Mrs. Lena Zerkle, pink hyacinths from Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Tatham, and yellow daffodils from neighbors and friends. The cut flowers were pink roses from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Randall, of St. Joe, Ind., and carnations and ferns from neighbors and friends. Several other nice presents were received. At about 7:45 p. m., a large company of neighbors and friends called in a body and a very realistic and pretty wedding ceremony was given. Members of the wedding party, dressed in appropriate costumes were the Misses Helen Beck, Ruth Thomas and Geraldine Norton, bridesmaids, Mrs. Warren

Harpster, bride; Mrs. J. S. Moyer, groom; and Mrs. E. E. Beck as the minister read the marriage service. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served the evening guest. Mr. and Mrs. Beidler wish to thank all for the beautiful flowers and good wishes, which made of it a day never to be forgotten. (Re: Waterloo Press - April 17, 1924)

Mr. and Mrs. Shoner

Beautiful in its appointments, was the celebration last Saturday of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of two of the most prosperous citizens of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. George Shoner, having been married fifty years ago at Waterville, Ohio. The home of the bridal couple was the scene of a magnificent bridal dinner in their honor, at which were seated the following: Mrs. Lillian Cover, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kunz and Miss Marie, of Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shoner and sons Robert and Fred, of Garrett, Mrs. George Bell and daughter, Ruby, of Grand Rapids, Mrs. and Mrs. Peter Kunz and Prof. Charles Kunz, of Toledo, Mrs. Sophia Frost, of Archbold, Ohio, Mrs. Fanny Shoner, of Lima, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Homer J. Kunz and children, of Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pilliod and Mrs. Fred Pilliod, of Swanton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Barva, of Ft. Wayne; Mrs. Ellen Pilliod, of New York City, and Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Bash, pastor of the local M. E. church, of which the pair are esteemed and valued members. The tables were beautifully adorned with center pieces of golden colored daffodils, these flowers of spring being used throughout the fairy like decorative scheme in the home. At the appointed hour of half past twelve, the Rev. Mr. Bash offered prayer, followed by the bridal chorus from Lohengrinn played on the piano by Prof. Charles R. Kunz, of Toledo. Numerous congratulatory telegrams and letters were received during the day, all of which added to the pleasure of hearing from friends who could not be present. The guest left many splendid gifts in gold as tokens of esteem and love in which the couple are held, among them being a handsome gold handle cane that Mr. Shoner now carries with pride. Mr. and Mrs. George Shoner came to Waterloo soon after their marriage and have spent the greater part of their lives in this place. In the early history of Waterloo Mr. Shoner engaged in the tanning business and conducted for many years a tannery which won the high grade products that he turned out. By hard work he made good and by careful management saved a large portion of his income in order that his later years might be spent with ease. Mr. and Mrs. Shoner have been among the foremost citizen of town. They have reared a family and have done their share in making the world better. Mr. Shoner has been an honest business man, one who has made every dollar of his gain without in the least imposing on others. They are enjoying fairly good health and have prospects for a number of years of happy life before them. A few year ago Mr. and Mrs. Shoner made a trip to Germany to visit his birth place and they have spent considerable time of late years in travel, having gone to the far western coast and also several times in Florida. They have many friends in and about Waterloo who extend congratulation. (Re: Waterloo Press- April 2, 1914)

1840 Census of DeKalb County, No townships listed

HENRY FAIR

1 male under 5	born 1835-1840
1 male 15 to 20	born 1820-1825
1 male 20 to 30	born 1810-1820
1 male 40 to 50	from 1790-1800
1 female under 5	born 1835-1840
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820

CHARLES FAIR

1 male 20 to 30	born 1810-1820
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820

PETER FAIR

1 male under 5	born 1835-1840
2 males 5 to 10	born 1830-1835
1 male 50 to 60	born 1780-1790
1 female 5 to 10	born 1830-1835
1 female 30 to 40	born 1800-1810

ABRAHAM FAIR

1 male under 5	born 1835-1840
1 male 20 to 30	born 1810-1820
2 females under 5	born 1835-1840
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820

JOSEPH VANDOLIE

1 male 30 to 40	born 1800-1810
1 female 15 to 20	born 1820-1825

GEORGE PATTERSON

1 male 10 to 15	born 1825-1830
1 male 30 to 40	born 1800-1810
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820

WILLIAM SURFIS

2 males under 5	born 1835-1840
2 males 5 to 10	born 1830-1835
1 male 30 to 40	born 1800-1810
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820

GEORGE DELONG

3 males under 5	born 1835-1840
1 male 5 to 10	born 1830-1835
1 male 40 to 50	born 1790-1800
1 female under 5	born 1835-1840
1 female 30 to 40	born 1800-1810

PETER SIMON

1 male 20 to 30	born 1810-1820
1 female under 5	born 1835-1840
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820

JOSEPH DELONG

2 males under 5	born 1835-1840
1 male 5 to 10	born 1830-1835
1 male 10 to 15	born 1825-1830
1 male 30 to 40	born 1800-1810
1 female 5 to 10	born 1830-1835
1 female 30 to 40	born 1800-1810

GEORGE DELAND

1 male under 5	born 1835-1840
1 male 5 to 10	born 1830-1835
2 males 10 to 15	born 1825-1830
1 male 30 to 40	born 1800-1810
1 female 5 to 10	born 1835-1840
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820

JOHN PLATTER

1 male 30 to 40	born 1800-1810
1 male 40 to 50	born 1790-1800
1 female under 5	born 1835-1840
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820

JOHN H. COBURN

1 male 5 to 10	born 1830-1835
1 male 20 to 30	born 1810-1820
1 female under 5	born 1835-1840
1 female 5 to 10	born 1835-1840
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820

ROBERT WORK

1 male 5 to 10	born 1830-1835
2 males 20 to 30	born 1810-1820
2 females under 5	born 1835-1840
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820
1 female 50 to 60	born 1780-1790
1 female 60 to 70	born 1770-1780

ANDREW SURFIS

2 males 15 to 20	born 1820-1825
2 males 20 to 30	born 1810-1820
1 male 50 to 60	born 1780-1790
1 female 10 to 15	born 1825-1830
1 female 15 to 20	born 1820-1825
1 female 40 to 50	born 1790-1800

SIMON HOLBROOK

1 male 5 to 10	born 1830-1835
1 male 15 to 20	born 1820-1825
1 male 20 to 30	born 1810-1820
1 male 60 to 70	born 1770-1780
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820
1 female 50 to 60	born 1780-1790

WESLEY PARK

1 male 5 to 10	born 1830-1835
2 males 20 to 30	born 1810-1820
1 female under 5	born 1835-1840
1 female 10 to 15	born 1825-1830
1 female 20 to 30	born 1810-1820

RELIGIOUS HISTORY

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FIRST PREACHER

The first settlers of DeKalb county were without religious privileges of any kind. Benjamon Alton, of the Desciples' or Campbellite church, preached the first sermon in the county in the fall of the year 1836. For over a year he was the only preacher. He settled in the woods, cleared a space for his home, and worked hard during the week, chopping for himself and for his neighbors in order to earn enough to stock his larder. However, on Sundays he never failed to don his black coat and occupy the pulpit. It is said of him, though, on reliable authority, that he used to preach in the summer, in his rough tow pants, without a coat, and with a shoe on one foot and a boot on the other. This was not strange for the time, however, for boots and shoes were next to impossible to obtain. John P. Widney and S. W. Widney once had one pair of shoes between them; one would wear them on Sunday and the other fellow on the following Sunday, the odd fellow remaining at home. John and Hazzard Webster are said to have gone barefooted many months, coming to town for election in the same manner.

FIRST MEETING

The first Methodist two days meeting was held near Orangeville in 1837, by N. L. Thomas and Joseph Miller, both then residing on the Maumee. Prayer meetings had been held previously by people of various denomination, without any distinctions. The origin of the first one is thus related by Judge Widney: "We had been in the country for some time without knowing that there was a praying person in the settlement besides ourselves, when one Sabbath, R. R. Lounsbury and another man returning from Fort Wayne stopped at my house and informed me that Thomas L. Yates, afterward judge, was under conviction, and wished me to come and pray with him. I went, and found quite a number of persons in the house. I sang and prayed, and while praying, noticed that old Father Rhodes was fervently responding to my petitions. I then sang again and called upon him to pray, and while he prayed I noticed that the old lady, his wife, was also praying. I next called on her and found that old Mother Yates, mother of the penitent man, was engaged and so I called on her next, and this closed our meeting. After wards we held prayer-meeting nearly every Sabbath, at Father Rhodes', my house and Mr. Lounsbury's, Mr. Eckhart's, of some other.

EARLY PREACHERS AND MEETINGS

Mr. Widney continues: "Revs. Coleman and Warner were the first circuit preachers of the Methodist Episcopal church who visited the settlement. I think it was some time in the year 1838. They organized several classes at different points. Early in the year 1839, sixteen persons who had been members of the Methodist Protestant church in Ohio and Pennsylvania met at the home of Samuel Tarney, on Bear creek, and organized themselves into a Methodist Protestant class. I was one of the members, and Samuel Widney, Sr., was our leader. He wrote to Rev. Joel Dalbey, then at Pittsburg, to try to procure a preacher. He answered that we had better apply to the Ohio Conference. Our leader then wrote to the celebrated Nicholas Snethin, at Cincinnati. The letter was sent from the Ohio to the Indiana conference, then just organized and holding its session in Monroe county, and Lewis Hickman came on as missionary and organized several classes and finally a circuit. He was the first Methodist Protestant preacher in Indiana, north of the Wabash, so far as I know. For some time the Disciples, Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant churches were the only ones in the county.

"Jonathan Thomas and Bishop Kumler were the first United Brethren preachers. They labored as missionaries through the country in 1841 and 1842. S. B. Ward was the first regular Baptist minister in the county, Elders Cherry and Miner the first Free-Will Baptist, and James Cather the first Lutheran. Mr. Cather commenced his labors early in the year 1844, and the others several years earlier."

The Church of God structure was the first house of worship built in the city of Auburn, and it was constructed by the Presbyterians in pioneer days and occupied by them until their own brick church was erected. Then the Lutherans used the building, and after them, the Church of God bought it, and used it until the spring of 1905, when they built for their services a brick church. The ground of this church was donated by the late W. S. Ralston. He afterward wished to buy it back and offered them the corner where the new Church of God stands, but they refused to trade on account of the lot being to swampy.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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There are eleven organizations and ten churches of the Methodist denomination in DeKalb county. There is one church building in Auburn, Garrett, Corunna, Waterloo, Butler and Spencerville, the others being in the country districts. The first organizations were made in the year 1839, by the early pioneer settlers, nearly all of whom have been long since called from labor to reward. In the early days, the "circuit riders" was much in evidence; in fact, for twenty-five or thirty years the safest and most convenient way to reach the different appointments was on horseback, and the pioneer preachers rarely made their appointments oftener than once in two weeks, and in some cases, once in four weeks, frequently holding services in private homes, wherever a few people could be brought together. The younger pastors of the present day can hardly comprehend the sacrifice and hardships of the early day pastor and the amount of labor he was required to perform for the meager salary that he received. Yet the people of those days seemed to have, and I believe did have, a higher appreciation of the preached word than people do now.

The first Methodist Episcopal church of Auburn, Indiana, was organized in the year 1839, by Rev. Samuel Reed, a very brilliant young minister who died at a comparatively early age. He was greatly aided by Wesley Park, the founder of the town. This was first called the St. Joe Mission. Rev. George M. Beswick was the presiding elder. To Wesley Park was given much credit in forming this first class, which numbered forty-two souls. He also, in a few years, organized the first Sabbath school and was a great help to the church all his life. The first church was built in the year 1843, at the northeast corner of the court square, and later a lecture room was added in the rear. As the town enlarged, it was thought advisable to take a location farther from the business center, so in the summer of 1878, under the pastorate of Rev. J. E. Ervin, this building was moved to the lot on the northeast corner of Van Buren and Seventh streets and placed at the back part of the lot so that there would be room to erect a new church as soon as thought best, and in the summer of 1890, under the pastorate of Rev. H. M. Lamport, the splendid new brick building was erected at a cost of near twenty thousand dollars. This was used with but little change until the summer of 1912, when improvements were made in an enlarged basement with cement floor, a model kitchen and dining room, a new steam heating plant, improved lights, frescoing and refinishing all woodwork, improvements on the pipe organ and cork linoleum on the floors, all at a cost of about five thousand dollars. Under the pastorate of Rev. Fred F. Thornburg. In the fall of 1896, after the new church was built and the old one sold and removed, the old parsonage was moved to the rear of the new church and repaired and used until 1905, when a new parsonage was purchased at the northwest corner of Fifth and Van Buren streets, all making by far the most valuable and commodious church property of any in the city or county. The present membership is about five hundred and fifty, with a large Sunday school of about the same enrollment.

The pastors who succeeded Rev. Reed in 1839 were: In 1844, Enoch Holdstock; 1845, James Sparr; 1846, Elijah Lillison and J. P. Jones; 1847, W. J. Forbes and E. Hall; 1848, S. Lamb and E. Maynard; 1849, S. Lamb and James Sewell; 1850, J. J. Cooper; 1851, J.H. Payton; 1852, M. M. Hann; 1853, James Sewell; 1854, J. W. Welch, two years; 1856, Isaac Ayres; 1857, E. S. Preston and a supply; 1858, Isaac Dean; 1859, Thomas Comstock, two years; 1861, S. H. Clark and J. Mann; 1865, C. Hoover; 1866, Emanuel Hall, two years; 1868, William Comstock, two years; 1870, Emanuel Hall; 1871, A. W. Lamport; 1872, Albert Cone, two years; 1874, J. W. Welch, three years; 1877, J. E. Ervin, two years; 1879, H. J. Norris, three years; 1882, W. H. Daniel; 1883, C. W. Church and C. L. Clippinger, three years; 1886, H.M. Lamport, four years; 1891, A. S. Wooten, four years; 1895, J. K. Walts, two years; 1897, L. M. Guild, three years; 1901, L. M. Krider, four years; 1905 M. A. Harlan, two years; 1907, W. B. Freeland, three years; 1910, Fred F. Thornburg three years.

The societies are: The Ladies' Aid, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, also the Home Missionary Society, the Epworth League and Junior League.

The Methodist Episcopal church was organized in Garrett by the Rev. J. W. Welch in 1875. He was at that time pastor of the church in Auburn and came to Garrett to hold meetings. These meetings were held in a place just east of where the present church stands and was known as "The Tabernacle." This tabernacle had nothing but a sawdust floor, and was sided with rough, up-and-down siding. As near as can be found the first members were Mr. and Mrs. John Stoner, Mrs. J. C. Philbrick, Mrs. Anna Keneskie, Miss Stickney, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Parker and several others.

In the spring of 1876, Rev. George Adams was appointed to Garrett, being the first regularly appointed pastor of this church. During this year the preaching place was moved to an old frame building that formerly been used as a saloon, standing on Cowen street where the fire department house now stands. In the spring of 1877 Rev. Beneville Sawyer succeeded Rev. Adams, and under his control prosperity dawned upon the little society. New members were added and many helped the church who were not members. About the close of his pastorate, the front part of the church building was erected and dedicated. In 1879 Rev. H. Sutherlin was pastor. In 1880 Rev. S. T. Stout came, and in the next year the church was supplied by different men. In 1882 Rev. W. E. McCarty was pastor and remained one year, when he was followed in 1883 by Rev. Chauncey King, who served three years. In 1886 Rev. W. R. Jones was appointed to the charge and remained until 1891. During the time he was here the church was built to its fullest extent. In 1891 Rev. A. L. Lamport was appointed to this charge and remained a little over three years. Rev. M. E. Nethecut followed and in 1895, Rev. G. B. Work took charge, to be succeeded the next year by Rev. J. B. Book. The year 1897 saw the coming of Rev. J. M. Haines for a term of five years. In 1902 Rev. J. A. Patterson took up the work; in 1905 Rev. P. E. Powell had charge, and in 1908 Rev. D. V. Williams. He continued until 1911, when he was followed by the present able and efficient pastor, Rev. Charles Tinkham.

At the beginning of the present pastorate there was a very strong feeling that the church building was not adequate to the needs of the growing congregation. During the summer of 1911 the proposition of erecting a new church was submitted to the members of the church for their vote. The result was an almost unanimous vote for a new edifice. Plans for subscription were laid, and by January 1, 1912, the pastor had taken subscriptions amounting to nearly seventeen thousand dollars. On June 1 the trustees purchased the new location at the corner of Cowen and Huston streets, agreeing to pay four thousand dollars for the site. Plans were submitted to the church authorities and the architect and contractor selected, with the result that at this time the work upon the handsome new Methodist Episcopal church is practically finished. The church will cost, when completed, about twenty thousand dollars.

The present membership of the church in Garrett is about four hundred and twenty-five. The Sunday school averages about two hundred and seventy-five members. The Epworth League has a membership of one hundred and fifty, the Junior league one hundred and ten. There are two missionary societies, the home and the foreign. There is also a Ladies' Aid Society, composed of all the women of the church.

The Methodist Episcopal church of Waterloo first used a seminary building. The brick church was constructed in 1885, but in October, 1886, it burned, and was rebuilt under the pastorate of Rev. W. D. Parr in 1887, at a cost of fifty-five hundred dollars.

The present membership is seventy, and there is a progressive Sunday school of sixty-five people. There is also a missionary and temperance society. The Epworth League does not hold devotional meetings, but assists in sustaining a missionary in India. There is a Ladies' Aid Society, which is active in taking charge of the finances and keeping the church and parsonage in good repair.

The pastors who have served this church and the date of their services is as follows: Revs. W. M. VanSlyke, 1884; W. D. Parr, 1885; H. C. Smith, 1888; L. A. Retts, 1890; J. W. DeWeese, 1894; F. L. Erlongher, 1895; W. F. Dingel, 1898; J. D. Belt, 1900; D. J. Hower, 1901; L. A. Retts, 1903; C.H. Murray, 1904; R. D. Bevin, 1907; E. E. Bergman, 1909; N. L. Stambaugh, 1910, R.F. Hubbartt, 1911, and Carl E. Bash, 1913;

The Methodist Episcopal society at Butler was organized about 1839 at "the corners," before any town had been established. Four years later the society began holding meetings one mile north of the present site of the Butler, at the home of John McCurdy. After eighteen months another removal was made to the school house at the corners, and the membership at once increased from fifteen to ninety. Mr. McCurdy was then living on a farm later owned by Jeremiah Lewis. The frame church was built in 1855 and 1856, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The first pastor of the society was Rev. Jesse Sparks. The pastors who followed him until the present time were: Revs. John Paul Jones, Metz, Lamb, J. J. Cooper, Lynch, Lamport, C. H. Wilkinson, D. C. Woollpert; W. S. Stewart, 1885-7; A. Cone, 1888-9; F. M. Stone, 1890-2; J. S. Kane, 1893-4; C. E. Disbrow, 1895-7; T. F. Frech, 1898-1903; H. C. Smith, 1904-5; G. H. Myers, 1905-7; E. F Albertson, 1907-12; W. H. Brightmire, 1912-14. The present brick church was built in 1889, and is valued at fifteen thousand dollars. The parsonage was constructed during the pastorate of Rev. Frech. There are two hundred and eighty members of the church, and in the Sunday school are two hundred and fifty. The societies are the Ladies' Aid Society, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Epworth League for young people.

The Methodist Episcopal church of Spencerville has an enrollment of one hundred and seventy-two members, with a Sunday school of one hundred and four. The pastorate is in charge of Rev. Arthur Gordon at this time. Since 1894 the pastors have been: Revs. Simons, E. H. Peters, C. B. Sweeney, D. A. J. Brown, C. A. Burt, Homer Elliott. The Ladies' Aide Society is active in the church.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCHES

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The Methodist Protestant organization at St. Joe was brought into existence in the year 1886, and from those humble beginnings has developed into a hustling an progressive society of one hundred members. Rev. W. H. Lineberry was the pastor who assisted in organizing the church. The church edifice was built in 1888, the same year as the Disciples church. The building cost thirty-five hundred dollars. At this writing, Rev. G. C. McCaslin is in charge of the society. The first trustees were Frank Ingle, George Bleeks and Sol Barney. The Sunday school, Ladies' Aid Society and Christian Endeavor add greatly to the

interest of the church. The Methodist Protestant society has small churches at Concord and Fairview also.

The Rehoboth Methodist Protestant church was organized sometime in the year 1840, at the cabin-home of Samuel Tarney. The charter members were: Amariah Johnson and wife, Nathan Wyatt and wife, Abraham Johnson and wife, John Wyatt and wife, William R. Moore and wife, Samuel Tarney and wife, William A. Squires and wife, and Samuel Widney and wife. These sixteen persons constituted the first church organization in Jackson township which was known as the Bear Creek class. There being no church house, services were held at the cabin-homes of the early settlers; for some time later the regular services were held in a log schoolhouse located on the farm of Amariah Johnson, now owned by William Johnson. Special meetings were either held in the groves or at the double log barns of the settlers.

Some years later a church was built a short distance north of the log school house. The building was a frame structure and was considered quite elaborate at that early day. This church was known as the Bear Creek church. Here services were held until the fall of 1881, when the old church was considered unsafe and was abandoned. This old building was the scene of many a gracious revival and many hearts were made happy in a Savior's love. After abandoning the old church, the place of holding services were at the Bear Creek schoolhouse, a half mile west. Under the pastorate of the late Rev. F. M. Hussy, during the winter of 1881 and 1882, an effort was put forth for the erection of a new church house. It was with some difficulty that a suitable location could be found.

It was finally decided to build on the site where the Rehoboth church now stands, and the building was completed at a cost of twenty-one hundred dollars. Owing to the difficulty in securing a location, Mr. John S. Boots, one of the donors, thought that the proper name for the church should be Rehoboth, and wished the honor of naming it, which privilege was accorded him. In the fall of 1913, this church house underwent repairs of the extent of basement had been put under the church, a furnace and modern lighting system installed, and an addition made.

The first religious service held in Jackson township was at the home of William Watson in 1839, and the preacher was Rev. James T. Robe, of the Methodist Episcopal denomination.

Rev. Lewis Hicklan, missionary of the Methodist Protestant church, came to Jackson township in 1841, and organized a church. Today there are in the township several churches: namely, Church of God, Methodist Protestant and United Brethren.

THE GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH

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In 1873, a church reinforced in numbers by the increasing population of Auburn came prominently into notice. The society of German Methodists had an unorganized existence in the town from a very early date. Ministers of this denomination held services at private houses on such occasions as brought them to this neighborhood, but the scarcity of numbers precluded attempt at forming a society. Rev. John Schneider was probably the pioneer preacher in this locality.

On November 1, 1858, Rev. F. Ruff organized what was known as the Kendallville circuit, of which Auburn was an appointment, although preaching was at first at a point north of town. This minister, who is recognized as the founder of the Auburn society, served for two years. Th original membership consisted of George and Catherine Eckhart, Herman and Eva Froelich, Elizabeth Pullman, John and Caroline Raesch, John and Fredericka Steffin, F. Raut, Sr., Charles Rant, Jr., Maria and Charlotte Raut.

The first officers chosen were George Froelich, exhorter, and George Eckhart, steward. No trustees to make official existence were elected until about twelve years later.

The immediate successors of Reverend Ruff were: A. Gerlach, 1860; J. C. Weidman, 1862; G. "Schwinn, 1863; C. A Militzer, 1867; Henry Krill, 1869; A. Meyer, 1871.

From 1871, there were generally assistant preachers sent on the Kendallville circuit, who mostly lived at Auburn. Joseph Kern was the first of these. He was followed by G. Weiler, of Fort Wayne, succeeded by J. Lamprecht who remained two years and co-operated with Rev. Meyer to establish the church upon a strong and enduring basis. These ministers conducted a protracted meeting n 1872, which brought about a revival and ten conversions. The Sunday school was organized in 1872, and continued until 1880, when it was closed for a number of years. The society in 1874 considered the question of a church lot and building. To secure the former a committee of three persons was appointed on May 25, 1874. The committee, Frederick Raut. Charles Raut and John Raesch chose the lot upon which the church afterward stood.

Five members had in the meanwhile been elected by the quarterly conference at Kendallville as trustees of Emanuel Methodist Episcopal church, namely: F. Raut, C. Raut, J. Raesch, H. Wartensleben, and John Lobmiller. These parties, August 24th, bought of Andrew Mayer of Noble county, the lot selected, paying for the same two hundred and fifty dollars, and promptly took measures for the erection thereon of frame meeting house. The church was completed and dedicated by Rev. Roberts, of Fort Wayne, and the cost was two thousand seven hundred and forty dollars. After subscriptions had all been collected there remained a deficit of two hundred dollars, which was paid by the Church Extension Society of the Central German Conference. In 1892 a parsonage was built for fourteen hundred dollars.

The pastors have been: John Bodmer, 1874; William Mueller, 1876; H. Buddenbaur, 1879; A. Gerlich, 1881; J. C. Gommel, 1882; J. H. Schimmelpfinig, 1885; John Haas, 1886; H. Rogatsky, 1891. Assistant and resident ministers for the same time have been: C. Treuschel, William Conzelmann, W. Hamp, G. Moehring, C. Henke, S. P. Spechman, A. C. Baur, D. Dobbick, W. Rogetzby and C. B. Koch. The Sunday school was organized in1890 by Rev. Dobbick.

At present, this church has a very small congregation and is supplied by visiting pastors.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Presbyterian society in Auburn was organized in the fall of 1846. Auburn first belonged to the Logansport Presbytery; but this being divided, it was transferred to the Fort Wayne Presbytery. Rev. Bliss, who was first assigned to this place was stated supply until the spring of 1856, at that time the membership numbering forty-three. In the spring of 1857, Rev. Edward Wright took charge; in 1863, Rev. Charles A. Munn, and from 1866 the church was for a short interval without services. Then Rev. C. A. Evans was here for two years. After another interval, in the spring of 1872 Rev. J. Emory Fisher began services on alternate Sundays. Rev. Henry Johnson came in the spring of 1874, and remained until the fall of 1880. During his pastorate, in the fall of 1876, a brick structure was erected on the corner of Jackson and Twelfth streets, costing six thousand dollars; it was dedicated in January, 1877. The trustees were E. D. Hartman, S. B. Miller, Joseph Albright and Richard Elson.

The Early pastors were: Charles A. Munn, Charles Evans, Levi C. Littell, J. B. Fowler, 1871; J. E. Fisher, Henry Johnston, W. F. Mathews until 1882; H. D. McCord, G.W. Barr until 1884; D. S. Stephens, Henry

A. Sawyers in 1886, and George Wade Healy in 1891. In 1895 Frank C. Colvin took charge of the church, and remained until 1897, when Rev. Henry A. Arlen supplied. In 1900 the church in Auburn was vacant, and in 1901 Rev. Thomas E. Burrows supplied. In 1902 Rev. Asher H. Brand was here, and during his pastorate the parsonage was built. In 1908 Rev. Walter M. Elliott came and remained until 1911, when the present efficient pastor, Robert I. Platter, took charge.

The church at present has one hundred and fifty members, and the Sunday school enrollment totals one hundred and twenty-five. The societies in the church are: the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Christian Endeavor, and the Westminster Guild.

The Presbyterian church in Garrett is yet a small denomination, but is rapidly growing and in the near future promises to be a thriving and large society.

The first attempt to organize a Presbyterian society in Garrett was made in 1903 and 1904 by Rev. E. F. Knickerbocker, now in missionary work at Ningpo, China. Rev. Knickerbocker, writes the following in regard to the futile attempt at that time: "Nearly the first work I did after being transferred from Nebraska to Indiana was that of looking up the need in Garrett. What a time I had of it, too, but I enjoyed the work nevertheless. My head-quarters were at the leading hotel. I entered every house, store and shop in the city that was enterable. When the canvas was completed I had a list of more than seventy people who were material for the forming of a Presbyterian church. Nearly all where members of a Presbyterian church somewhere, and all were members of some sort of church, while only about a dozen of them were working with or members of any church in Garrett. A few days after this canvas began I hired a dance hall, rented a stove and few lamps, bought wood, engaged a janitor, and began meetings, which lasted over two weeks. What a time of blizzard it was! A handful of people would come one evening. These I would gather in a circle around the stove, and we all sat while I conducted a Bible study. At the close of the meeting some one would remark, 'Well! It seems very strange that the people do not take an interest in things.' The next night these people would not come, and another small lot would take their place. Things went on like this night after night. One good brother came nearly every evening. He was the real goods. But one night—a terrible night—no one came. Half an hour after time for the meeting to begin, I stepped to the foot of the stairs and fastened the door, so that no one might disturb the meeting. Then I spent an hour in Bible study and prayer. That was really the most encouraging time of all, for at the end there was not a discouraging word."

Rev. Knickerbocker was finally compelled to relinquish his efforts in behalf of the Presbyterian church in Garrett, and upon the coming of the next pastor the society disbanded. Knickerbocker writes of his successor: "Whether he broke the church or the church broke him, or else a mutual breaking, I am not sure."

In the fall of 1907 steps were again taken to organize a church in Garrett, and in 1908 a permanent society was effected. Charles G. Sterling was the first pastor called, and he was followed by W. A. Service and Edgar L. Buchanan. The latter is the present pastor, having come here from Lafayette, Indiana, in December, 1911. The present directors of the church are: Dr. G. Allison, C. E. Leightner, E. M. McKennan, W. A. Clifford, E. C. Moughler. Elders are: C. E. Leightner, W. A. Clifford, E. C. Moughler, John W. Brown, William C. Robinson and A. R. Moore. The congregation worships at present in the German Methodist building, but, as the latter society is very small, the Presbyterians contemplate leasing the church entirely for their own use; thus it will be known as the First Presbyterian church. The church numbers one hundred and twenty members, with a Sunday school of one hundred and seventy members. There are two societies in the church, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Woman's Helpers.

The Presbyterian church at Waterloo was organized on Jun 5, 1863, by Rev. C. Ford, with the following

constitute members: P. B. Nimmons, Mary Nimmons, James Lockhart, Robert M. Lockhart, Elizabeth Lockhart, Abraham McCoy, Elizabeth McCoy, Mahlon Nimmons, Louisa Nimmons, Edward Craft, J. E. Rutan, Keziah Rutan, Joseph Mills, J. N. Mills, Jane Smith, Jane Madden, J. H. Boon, Mary Hines, Clestia Hutchison, Laura Hutchison, A. A. Howard, Sarah A. Howard and Rachel Moore. The first ruling elders were P. B. Nimmons, Robert Lockhart and A. A. Howard. The church building, a frame structure on Maple street, was erected in 1867, at a cost of three thousand dollars. The first pastor, Rev. Edward Wright, was there from 1863 to 1866. Other pastors who followed were: C. A. Munn, L.C. Littell, J. B. Fowler, Henry Johnson, W. F. Mathews, J. D. McCord, and G. W. Barr. Rev. W. H. Chase, living at Auburn, has charge of the church at present. There are about sixty-five active members of the church. The church society is progressive one and a great aid to the town of Waterloo.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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The Christian church in Auburn was organized in the winter of 1902 by Rev. J. N. Wilson, who was the first pastor. The succeeding pastors have been: J. A. Brown, C. H. Earenfight, John Lennox, Frank Nixon, Fred Thomas, and at present Rev. C. W. Mahin fills the pulpit. The church building was constructed in 1907, and cost thirty-two hundred dollars.

There are two hundred members of the church at present, with one hundred and seventy-five in the Sunday school. The societies are: The Ladies' Aid, Ladies' Auxiliary, Christian Endeavor and the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

The Christian church of Garrett was organized in the year 1907 by Rev. O. L. Hull, and his first congregation numbered twenty-eight members. When he left, after three years' meritorious service, he had enrolled over two hundred and fifty people. The pastors who have followed him are: Revs. John H. Swift, L. C. Brink, L. M. Nesmith, B. O. Borten, and the present pastor is J. W. Borden. The society bought a hall, formerly used for meetings, on King street, for the sum of twenty-six hundred dollars, and herein the loyal membership of two hundred and fifty people hold their services. The Sunday school numbers are one hundred and fifteen. The Ladies' Aid Society is a prominent factor in the good work done by the church, and it, with the congregation as a whole, is working hard to make the church one of the strongest in the city.

The Church of Christ at Butler was organized by John Ailsworth in the Lutheran church, on March 1, 1870, with the following charter members: G. H. Young, Mary Young, Sarah Young, E. Olmstead, Frank Reynolds, Lucy Reynolds, Mrs. Rowe, Frederick Huffman, Elizabeth Huffman, Alice Huffman, Almira Huffman, John and Mary Shoub, Fred H. Fanning, Carrie M. Fanning, Claista Pillsburg, Jacob Jennings, Mary Cyrenas and Elizabeth Jennings, and Jacob Funk. Elder J. E. Harris was the first minister of this denomination in Butler. T. P. Sutton assisted. Harris was from Licking county, Ohio. After him, with the dates of their services, came: Elder Hadsell, 1872; T. P. Sutton, 1873-8; under Rev Sutton the lot on which the Christian church now stands was purchased, the church was erected, and dedicated on February 7, 1875; by L. L. Carpenter of Wabash; Elder Leavett came in 1878; then O. Q. Ovialt; E. L. Fanner in 1883; Eders, Struber, Wilson, Lovcines, Moot, Stewart, Sniff, Scoville, A. M. Laird, D. A. Shaw, Fred Thomas, Drash, Harris, Ira Smith R. B. Chapman, S. B Braden, Konkle, John Imhof, and at present A. E. Wrentmore, have had and have charge of the church at Butler. There are about one hundred and seventy-seven member, a Ladies' Aid Society and a Christian Endeavor.

The Disciples church, or Christian church, of St. Joe was organized on May 2, 1886, by Rev. L. L. Carpenter. Elder J. A. Thomas was the first pastor of the church, and he was followed by T. A. Hedges, W.

W. Harris, L. W. Fairfield, J. O. Rose, S. S. Bartlett, Harry Clark, Rev. Dunkleberger, W. S. Meyers, J. A. Brown, T. N. Russel and S. O. Redacrer. The persons who helped in the organization of this church in 1886 were: Joshua W. Lounsberry, Anna Lounsberry, E. M. Vollmer, R. K. McDonald, Anna McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Filley, B. S. Sheffer, Eva S. Sheffer, Emma Hart, Jared Irwin, and wife, Charles Coburn, Emma Tustison.

The church at present has a membership of one hundred, with an excellent Sunday school of seventy-five. The Martha Society performs aid service for the church. The Christian Endeavor is also existent in the church. The house of worship was constructed in the year 1888, two years after the organization, and cost at the time, twenty-five hundred dollars.

The Church of Christ built a brick structure in 1870 at Waterloo, on Maple street, at a cost of thirty-five hundred dollars. Rev. N. N. Bartlett, the first pastor, remained two years. He was followed by Revs. James Hodsell, F. H. McCormick, M. M. Gleason and M. O. Blany. This church is now defunct.

The Newville Christian church was organized in the fall of 1851 by James Hadsell, in a schoolhouse where the United Brethren parsonage later stood, across the river and southeast from Newville. There were originally twenty-seven members. At the close of 1879 the church had a membership of one hundred and ninety-two. This church has a present membership of seventy-five.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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The United Brethren class at Newville was organized in 1842 by Rev. Jonathan Thomas, one of the pioneer preachers. The class was organized in a small log building on the east side of the road about two miles west of Newville on the farm owned by Solomon Wilcox. The class was composed of eleven charter members, nine of whom were: Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Delong, Hanna Robertson, Cornelius Woodcox and wife, Solomon Woodcox and wife, M. Soper and Mrs. Ellis. The first board of trustees was composed of Solomon Delong, Collin Robertson and Cornelius Woodcox. Maria Delong who died March 28, 1912, at the age of ninety years, was the last charter member.

About 1842 a frame schoolhouse was built where the parsonage barn now stands, and soon after the place of meeting was transferred from the Woodcox home to the schoolhouse. This building was used for church services until 1855, when, during the pastorate of Rev. J. Fink, a splendid frame church building, thirty by forty-six feet, was erected. About 1880 the church was moved back from the road and set on a brick foundation, truss beams were put in overhead and the center supports removed. In the year 1885, while Rev. R. T. Martin was pastor, extensive repairs were made, consisting of tower and bell, slate roof and new windows.

The old building, which has served its purpose well for fifty-eight years, is now being thoroughly renovated at an approximate cost of thirty-five hundred dollars. Lecture room, library, pastor's study, rostrum, basement, furnace, new windows, chairs, are among the many improvements. The present membership is one hundred and five, and the Sunday school also has a strong enrollment. The first church was dedicated by Bishop Henry Kumler, Jr. The new one will be dedicated by Bishop H. H. Fout. During the seventy one years of the existence of the class, forty-three pastors have served the church. The present pastor is Oliver Perry Givens, a native of Noble county, Indiana.

The United Brethren church at Waterloo had its origin prior to 1856, probably in 1852. At that time the church was supported by traveling evangelist. Among the earliest were Revs. William Miller and Jonathan

Thomas. Then came Revs. J. Fink and Lammon, who traveled together and held revivals. A deed to the lot on which the United Brethren church now stands was made by George W. Trout and wife in November, 1862, to George E. Trout, David Goodwin and John Beidler, as the first board of trustees. The church building was then completed. This was in 1862. Rev. Taring Osmun was pastor at this time. It was the first church in Waterloo. During the early history of this church the building was used for union worship, also union Sunday school. In 1879 the church was rebuilt. Among the early preachers were: J. Fink, Lammon, William Moffatt, J. Morthland, A. Lower, Leonard, T. Osmun, J. K. Swihart, C. Crossland, C. O. Lawrence, J. G. Bowersox, Joseph Brown, D. Bender, John Martin, George Crawford, B. Baldwin, Richard Martin, C. H. Kirracofe, W. O. Dinnius, S. P. Klotz, J. D. Snyder, W. O. Butler, George Dinnius, J. S. Tedrow and J. W. Lilly. In 1889, when the division of the church came in general conference at York, Pennsylvania, the Waterloo church lost many of its oldest members. However, the society took on new life, and on June 13, 1912, the old church, which had been veneered with brick, was torn down and work of constructing the new edifice begun. The cornerstone was laid August 9, 1912, and the church was dedicated April 6, 1913. The total cost was fifteen thousand dollars. The present enrollment numbers one hundred and fifty-five, and the pastor is Rev. F. P. Overmyer.

In Smithfield township organized Christianity was introduced by the United Brethren, who had regular services at the Smith school house, later known as number six. The first minister was Rev. Samuel Chaplin. The Methodists met at Barker's and formed a class, of which Mr. Barker was the leader. The Disciples, organized by Revs. Bartlett and Hadsell, had a church at Cedar Lake.

The Big Run United Brethren church, in Stafford township, was organized in the spring of 1843 by Rev. Jonathan Thomas. The charter members were: Jacob Gunsenhouser and wife, Thomas Olds and wife, David Flickinger and wife, Stephen Hackley and wife and Mary Willard. They organized at the home of Jacob Gunsenhouser, and used this place for worship during the next five years, later using the old log house on the Gunsenhouser land. A church was built during the progress of the Civil war, and services were held on alternate Sundays by the Rev. James Martin.

The United Brethren church of Butler was organized in January, 1884, with a membership of forty people. Their frame church building was erected in the fall of 1883, at a cost of twenty-three hundred dollars. And dedicated in December, 1883. It is located on West North street. The pastors have been: Rev. Joseph Brown, W. O. Butler, 1884; J. W. Martin, S. P. Klotz, 1885; Joseph Brown, 1883; D. B. Keller; A. F. McCloe, 1889; J. S. Tedrow, J. W. Cummings, A. F. McCloe, 1900; C. H. Bell, 1902; W. H. Phetro, 1904; O. F. Landis, 1905; O. B. Wells, 1906; W. F. Parker, 1907; A. W. Phillips, 1911, and D. B. Kessinger, 1912, who is the present incumbent. There are two hundred and fifty members of the church at present, and the Sunday school numbers two hundred and sixty. There are societies as follows: Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Missionary Association and Christian Endeavor. In the Butler circuit are the Big Run, Jerusalem and Zion churches, with a combined congregation of two hundred and ninety-two people. Rev. Richhart, of Butler, has charge of them. The Newville circuit has a membership of two hundred and fifteen.

Mount Pleasant United Brethren church, in Wilmington township, is over sixty years old. In 1854 meetings were held in the house of Abraham Eakright, on section twenty, by Revs. Benton and wife. The constituent members were: William McBride, Mr. Dirrim, Abraham Eakright and their wives, and Mrs. Levi McBride. Services were held in the Eakright house until 1861, when they commenced to use the old log schoolhouse on section 19. This organization held many successful revivals. A chapel was erected at Mount Pleasant in 1870.

The Lilly United Brethren church at Moore Station was organized by Rev. Aaron Lily in December, 1882, with twenty-seven members. Services were held in the Mooresville schoolhouse until the next summer,

when they built a fine large frame church, costing fourteen hundred dollars. Services were held every alternate Sunday.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH

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The history of the Baptist church date almost co-equal with the first settlement of DeKalb county. Here and there in the townships, log meeting houses were raised, and long served their purpose. The first regular Baptist church organized in this county was known as the "Cedar Creek church." The house of worship was a log building. It was located about one mile south of the present village of Corunna. The date of organization was in 1841 or 1842. Deacon McConly, who afterward became a minister, was very prominent among the early members of this denomination. Calvin Calkin, T. D. Daily and families, were other strong members of the society. The pastors for the church are various times were Elders P. H. Evans, William N. Welker, A. Town and others this church is now defunct.

The next church organized was within the bounds of Wilmington township, and had its origin in 1844. Its formation was largely owing to the energetic efforts of A. Town and R. Speer. James R. Cosper donated land for a church site so long as it would be used for religious purposes. A log meeting house was accordingly raised upon this ground. S. B. Meade was the first pastor of the church, and S. B. Ward followed shortly afterward.

Elders Baker and Whitehead held a series of meetings in Auburn and the result was the organization of a Baptist church in Auburn. Upon this the Wilmington church was practically dissolved, because the members persisted in joining the church at Auburn. The Wilmington church was abandoned in 1861.

On August 13, 1852, the brethren met at the old courthouse to take into consideration the organization of a Baptist church in Auburn. Everybody agreed on the plan, and an organization was effected on September 15, 1852. Elder Ward became the first pastor and then Elder A. Town. Having no regular meeting house of their own, the Baptists at this time held their services at the courthouse or in the Methodist or Presbyterian churches.

The new brick building of the Baptist church was completed in the fall of 1873. Elder Ward, R. P. Jones, W. Langton Sanders, J. P. Ward, H. J. Finch, T. C. Smith and O. E. Eagy were ministers until the year 1892.

From 1892 until 1913 the ministers have been: Reverends F. W. Hart, W. P. Pearce, Edwin P. Hoyt, W. A. Pavy, J. H. Martin, H. J. Finch, C. B. Janes and F. M. Reese. There are now seventy-three members of the church and the Sunday school has an enrollment of seventy-one.

The Baptist church was organized on December 15, 1885, by seven ladies of Garrett, namely: Mesdames C. N. Bell, G. W. Mudd, Frank Hartsock, Effie Stewart, Sarah Cobler, Lydia Osborn, and Miss Addie Ford. The first pastor of the church was Rev. Davies, and following him have been in part: Reverends Ravey, Chansler, Stevens, Whitney and John Walton, who is the present minister in charge of the work. The present brick church building was erected in 1888 and 1889, and it is the credit of the present pastor and the loyal members of the church to say that the debt incurred in the first building has just been lifted. The Baptist church has a membership of two hundred and twenty-five, and the Sunday school has one hundred and thirty-five. Among the societies identified with this thriving little church are the Baptist Young People's Union, The Ladies' Aid Society, the Home Mission Society, and the Pansy Club, which is devoted to charitable work, It might be said that the debt of the church was paid almost entirely by

subscriptions.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Several fruitless attempts to organize and establish the English Lutheran church in Auburn were made at different times by Revs. W. Waltman, J. Sise and C. C. Link. The need of a house of worship was great. Rev. Levi Rice made a visit to Auburn in May, 1874, and completed arrangements to preached occasionally in the Baptist church, and this continued until October 25, 1875, when, notice having been duly given, all members of the society met at the home of Jacob Walborn, where a permanent organization was made with nineteen members. The church was formed and was given the name of "The St. Marks English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Auburn." At this meeting, Levi Rich presiding, and election was held and a council chosen, namely: John Treesh, J. Walborn, Enos H. White and D. A. Sebring. Rev. Rice was engaged for one year, with semi-monthly meetings. The names of the original members are as follows: J. J. and Caroline E. Huffman, Jacob Stamets, David A. and Minerva Sebring, Jacob, Lucetta and Mary Walborn, Mary Wiles, Horace A. Hoffman, Margaret Sibert, John Treesh, William McClellan, Andrew and Elizabeth Bolander, William L. and Angeline Smith and Enos H. and Clara M. White. Of these, nine were former members, three were transferred and the rest were received by letter. The Lutherans at once purchased of the Presbyterian society their old frame church, occupying the southeast corner of lot twenty, west Auburn, and paid the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars for the property. Rev. Rice remained with this church for six years.

Rev. Samuel Kelso, of Spencerville, succeeded Rev. Rice, and stayed one year. Rev. William Waltman came next. He was a resident minister of Kendallville, but supplied this church a brief period in the early part of 1883. A permanent pastor was next secured in the person of Rev. W. D. Trover, whose engagement covered the space of four years, terminating in October, 1887. Rev. Jessup, from Leipsic, Ohio, followed, the Rev. N. J. Myers of Noble county, in March, 1888.

During the year 1889 the society negotiated for and purchased of Mrs. Fannie Smith lot sixty-two, West Auburn, paying five hundred dollars for the property. A building committee was appointed and contracts made for a new church. Before the end of October the edifice was finished. The building was a Gothic in style, having brick walls and slate gables, and the dimensions were forty-four by sixty-three feet. The tower rose to a height of eighty-five feet, supporting a bell weighing eight hundred pounds. The interior of the church was finished in natural wood. The floor was bowl-shaped, descending toward the pulpit, and the seats circular and concentrically arranged. Stained glass windows were installed, respectively memorials of the Sabbath school, Synod of Northern Indiana, Lewis Bowers, Jacob Walborn, Burton Brown, Samuel Cornell and the Nelsons. Two hot-air furnaces supplied the heat. The total cost of the building was about seven thousand dollars.

The building was consecrated for religious purposes in a sermon preached on November 3, 1889, by Dr. L. A. Godwall, of Springfield, Ohio. In February, 1890, Rev. D. F. Kain, of Albion, Indiana, was engaged as minister, and stayed until the spring of 1891, and was succeeded by Rev. J. D. Brosy, of Pleasant Lake.

The Sabbath school was organized in the year 1877; a Ladies' Aid society in 1885, and, on November 7, 1891, a Christian Endeavor society. In 1892 a parsonage was erected on the lot east of the church at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars.

Rev. Brosy remained at Auburn until 1905, when he was succeeded by Rev. S. E. Slater, D. D., who stayed until 1909. Rev. J. H. Neuhouser followed, and he in turn was succeeded, on September 1, 1911, by

the present pastor, Rev. A. B. Garman. The church at present has two hundred and thirty-three communicant members, three hundred and eleven confirmed members, and three hundred and fifty-six baptized. The Sunday school numbers three hundred and fifty members, with thirty-four officers and teachers. The Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1885; the Young People's Society Christian Endeavor was organized on November 7, 1891; the Luther League in 1894; Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in 1896, and the Lutheran Brotherhood in February, 1910. The Mission Band of seventy-five members takes charge of local relief and charity work.

St. Mark's Lutheran Evangelical church of Butler was organized in 1864 by Rev. J. W. Henderson. The church was built about 1867, under the pastorate of Rev. Henderson. It was a brick and cost originally about five thousand dollars, but has later been remodeled twice, at an additional cost of three thousand dollars. Since Rev. Henderson, the pastors have been: Revs. J. N. Morris, A. W. Burns, S. P. Snyder, William C. Barnett, Jabez Shaffer, D. F. Kain, W. Dieffenbach, S. P. Fryberger, E. E. Neibel, W. S. Oberholter, M. L. Furst, John H. Crouse, and John B. Gardner, the present efficient and popular pastor, who came on May 1, 1912. At present there are eighty-one members of the church, with ninety in Sunday school. The Dorcas Society, a charitable organization, and the Luther League, for young people, are existent.

The Wittenberg Lutheran Evangelical church is one of the oldest in this territory of the synod, or in the county. It was organized by Rev. J. Cather, in 1843. The church building valued at fifteen hundred dollars. There are twenty-three members, with a Sunday school of forty-five. There are the Dorcas Society and Luther League in this church also. Rev. John B. Gardner attends this church on alternate Sundays from Butler.

Richland Center Lutheran Evangelical church was organized by Rev. W. Waltman in 1855, with twenty-five charter members.

Fairfield Center Lutheran church was organized by Rev. J. Cather in 1856, with fourteen charter members. Sedan church was organized in 1860 by Rev. W. Waltman with twenty-eight members. Rev. J. Cather founded the first Lutheran church in Concord township in October, 1849, at the home of William Doums, with twelve charter members. John Sidel. W. Waltman, C. C. Caskey, in 1859, were pastors when the pastorate was split into that of Spencerville, St. John's, Salem and Richland. B. F. Hills, C. C. Sink, A. Leathers, E. W. Erick and S. Kelso followed. During the latter pastor's service he organized the St. Joe church and built the structure at a cost of three thousand dollars. E. K. Baker came next, and then S. P. Fryberger founded the church in Spencerville.

The Evangelical Lutheran church at Spencerville at present has one hundred and seventeen confirmed members. Rev. D. P. Heltzel had charge of the congregation, having come to the pastorate on October 1, 1912. The Sunday school has a membership of one hundred and five, with twenty officers and teachers. There is a Ladies' Aid Society and a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. The church building was erected in 1887, also the parsonage, and the cost was six thousand dollars at the time.

GERMAN LUTHERAN AND CERMAN REFORMED CHURCHES

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A society, to be known as the German Reformed Lutheran church, was successful in organization. For a time two German societies united their strength and resources, under the above title, and taking advantage of a donation of land for church purposes, the combined societies applied for and were granted lot number one hundred and fifty-four, which had been held for the first religious society that might make claim to

and actually improve it in accord with the wishes do the giver, John Spencer.

The site having been cheaply and legally acquired, the society contracted for the erection of a small frame meeting house, to cost but a few hundred dollars. The work was actively carried forward, so that by February, 1865, the building had been completed and dedicated a home of worship. At the dedication the attendance was much beyond the limit capacity of the building, the music was good and the exercises, conducted in German, were of an interesting character.

Later the German Reformed church of St. Johns bought out the interest of the other society and on January 1, 1866, a meeting was called and a consistory was chosen. Peter Drumer and Jacob Kandel were elected elders and John Otto and Ernest Myers, deacons, to serve two years. The Rev. Isaac Motzinger was the first minister. He served the church acceptably until 1872, living in a small framed cabin during the period of his service. Rev. William B. Sandoe was his successors. Other preachers in order were: Philip Ruhl, 1872; John Rettig, 1879; John Winter, 1882; W. Grether, 1884; B. Ruf, 1888. Shortly after the church had been built the Evangelical Lutheran society sold their interest and for several years were without a home of worship. Rev. Reichard, of Avilla, and Rev. Steinback, of Fairfield, alternated every fortnight in preaching to the society, and it was not till February 1, 1873, that the members resolved upon erecting a meeting house. To this end a meeting was held at the residence of Charles Bartles, of Richland township, and application was then made for a lot which had been set aside by Mr. Spencer solely for church purposes, and on obtaining possession they proceeded to build upon the lot a small church, in which their services were held. Rev. Searing preached for them at intervals of several weeks and Rev. Lewis Pullman was the only resident preacher. Rev. C. B. Preuss came next.

The German Evangelical Lutheran church in Garrett, of the Missouri synod, was organized in the year 1888, with thirteen voting members. C. B. Preuss was the first visiting pastor, and he continued until 1890. His home was in Avilla. Rev. F. J. Keller was the second pastor and the first resident pastor. Otto Shuman came next; then H. B. Kohlmeier; then C. W. Giese. The present incumbent is Rev. G. Bloedel, who took charge of the work on July 29, 1913, coming here from the state of Nebraska. The church numbers one hundred and fifty communicants, forty voting members, and three hundred and seventy-five souls. The Sunday school has a membership of fifty. The Ladies' Society conducts charitable work in Garrett, and is very well organized. Rev. Bloedel teaches a parochial school adjoining the church building on the east; he has thirty-nine scholars.

The church building is of wood, and was dedicated on October 27, 1889. The cost was eighteen hundred dollars.

The English Reformed church at Waterloo has a fine brick structure on the corner of Center and Union Streets. It was built in 1872, at a cost of fifty-five hundred dollars. Rev. Henry Baer was the first pastor, followed by Rev. Fenniman, and Rev. F. F. Christine in 1880.

The Lutheran church of Troy township was organized by Rev. James Cather in 1843, in the house of John A. Zimmerman, on section thirty. The house of worship was later on section twenty-eight.

CHURCH OF GOD

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The Church of God was organized at a very early date in the city of Auburn, The pastors since 1887 have been Revs. Markley, Neill, Fuller, Harendeen, Bloyd, I. M. Thomas, H. H. Spicher, A. O. Musgrove and J. G. Wise, the present incumbent.

The church as a membership of ninety-two, with eighty in the Sunday school. Societies are: The Woman's Missionary Society and the Christian Endeavor.

ST MATTHEW REFORM CHURCH

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The St. Matthew Reformed church in Garrett was organized in the year of 1888, and the first pastor called was Rev. B. Ruff. After him in 1893, came Rev. George Englemann. In 1899 G. M. Hersch took charge of the work, also Rev. Vollbach during a short period following. In 1906 Edward Kielsmeier was chosen for the pulpit, and for two years he benefited the church greatly. In 1908, and until 1911, Henry Clausing had charge. In 1912 Rev. Otto H. Scherry, the present able pastor, came to Garrett, and under his control the church has taken rapid strides toward a fuller and more complete organization. The brick church building was erected in the year 1904, and cost, when completed, fifty-five hundred dollars. The church is situated at the corner of Keyser and Franklin streets and the parsonage is adjoining. At present there are eighty-eight members of the society in Garrett. The Sunday school has seventy members. Two societies, the Christian Endeavor and the Ladies' Aid Society, exist at this time, and both are of very high standard.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Protestant Episcopal church at Garrett was built in 1876 and dedicated in July, 1877. The land was purchased, building erected furniture put in and everything provided for use by John King Jr., and William Keyser, first and second vice-presidents, respectively, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and presented as a free gift to Bishop Talbot of the Indiana diocese. The first pastor was Rev. B. L. Trimble. Rev. Weatherby and R. H. Dennis succeeded him, and for a period the church was closed. In the winter of 1883-4 the church was reopened, and Rev. S. M. C. Orpen came for Lima, Indiana, and preached every two weeks. Rev. Benjamin R. Phelps succeeded him, Rev. C. E. Bilger now tends the Garrett membership, which is very small.

EVANGELIDAL ASSOCIATION

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The Evangelical Association at Waterloo was organized before the out break of the Civil war, and in 1886 a church was built at a cost of three thousand dollars. Another authority claims this church to have been built in 1877. Rev. Geist was the pastor in charge when the church was constructed. In 1880 he left and returned again in April 1913, and is still the incumbent. There are eighty members of the church and one hundred in the Sunday school. A Ladies' Aid Society, Young Peoples' Alliance and a Missionary Auxiliary are societies within the congregation. Some of the pastors who have served at Waterloo are: Revs: W. H. Mygrant, W. H. Freshley, D. O. Wise, C. H. Burgener, B. F. Walmer, D. E. Zechiel, G. F. Zuber and P. L. Browns. Rev. Geist visits the County Line society also, a small organization with a church-house near the county line of DeKalb and Steuben, three miles west of Ashley. There are forty members here. A mile south of Fairfield Center there is a society, but active work had been abandoned.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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In August of the year 1872 a Catholic priest for the first time visited the city of Auburn. Father August Young was commissioned in this capacity. He found nine Catholic families here at the time, who were: Engelbert Ashley, Joseph Ashley, William H. McIntyre, Jules Beuret, Justin Girardot, Charles Beugnot, Benjamin Goodman, Jacob Hollinger, Stephen Girardot and Patrick Murphy. For two years he had services in the home of Engelbert Ashley, on West Seventh street. In the meantime the present lots were secured, facing on what was then the corner of Fourth and Railroad streets. The committee in charge consisted of Engelbert Ashley, Jules Beuret and Jacob Hollinger.

The foundation for the new church was laid out June 1, 1874. A little frame structure, thirty by fifty feet, was erected and served as a place of worship until August, 1912. The church was dedicated by Bishop Joseph Dwenger, of Fort Wayne on October 18 of the same year. The building sat close to the sidewalk, facing Fourth street and was erected at a cost of three thousand dollars, the total amount of which was paid on the day after the dedication.

The present priest's residence, adjoining the church property, was bought for one thousand, nine hundred dollars, on April 15, 1874. The congregation from the beginning increased rapidly and at this time it numbered three thousand souls and had no debt on the church property. At the suggestion of the bishop, Father Young changed his place of residence from Auburn to Garrett, on November 10, 1886, but continued to visit Auburn from Garrett until November 1, 1891.

The resident pastors succeeding Father Young at Auburn were the following: Rev. Rudolph Denk, eight months; Rev. Francis P. Faust, from June, 1892 to November, 1895; Rev. Edward J. Boccard, from November, 1895, to September 1898; Rev. Frederick J. Dandurand, from September, 1898, to July, 1900; Rev. John M. Schmitz, from July, 1900, to July, 1910, when the present pastor, Father Augermaier, took charge.

Since his presence in our midst, Father Augermaier has been doing splendid work for the material, as well as spiritual, up building the parish. A public-spirited, energetic young man, he set about at once to make the required improvements on the parochial residence and church property in general. Of course, this took time and money, but with foresight and the spirit of perseverance required, he began planning the work he had in view, and the present beautiful church is the fruit of his labor. The congregation approved of his plans and supported him liberally in his undertaking.

The work of excavating for the new building started the first week in August, 1912. A concrete foundation was put in and a roomy basement supplied for the whole church. Rising above this are five tiers of cement blocks which raise the superstructure of the church about five feet above the level of the ground. The old frame structure was utilized because of its splendid material. The exterior of the present building measures ninety-four feet. It has a transept of forty-eight feet, giving it a seating capacity of about three hundred. A large sanctuary with vestries on either side takes up the fore part of the church. While the shell is a frame structure, the outside, finished in stucco, is an innovation in church building. Not only in the city of Auburn, but, so far as can be learned, it is the only church building of its kind in the state. It is this that attracts the attention of so many and elicits admiration and comment. Beautiful concrete steps lead to the entrance of the church, which at present sets back from the sidewalk about fifteen feet. A steeple sixty-five feet high surmounted by a gilded cross of four and a half feet adds much to the beauty of the exterior and attracts the attention of the stranger at a distance. The interior artistic decoration is the work of Signor Giovannie Gioscio, and Italian artist of Indianapolis. Two beautiful oil paintings adorn the ceiling of the church. One represent the mother of the Savior crushing the head of the serpent, according to the saying in Genesis: "She shall crush thy head; and thou shalt lie in wait of her heel." The other is a painting of Saint Cecelia, patroness of music. Two adoring angels adorn the arch of the sanctuary. The church has been

completely refinished. Oak pews finished in mission style that are very roomy and comfortable have replaced the old ones. A new Packard organ, with pipe organ effect, has been secured for the choir. A massive and beautiful altar, worth no less then two thousand dollars, was the gift of the pastor from a personal friend in Forth Wayne. In harmony with the side alters, it is finished in white and gold. To the Catholic the altar is ever most intimately associated with priests and sacrifice, as is beautifully illustrated by the carvings on the panels of the altar table, the one to the left representing Abel offering a lamb as a sacrifice; the other to the right the High Priest Melchisedech, king of Salem, offering bread and wine which prefigured the true sacrifice of the New Law; represented by the carving in the center panel, Christ with His Apostles at the last supper changing bread and wine into His sacred Body and Blood. A beautiful red velvet carpet covering the floor of the sanctuary and heavy cork matting covering the floor of the auditorium are the gifts of Schaab & Brother Company to the congregation. All this with a splendid electric illumination from walls and ceiling give the church a most beautiful and pleasing interior.

The St. Michael's church is located at Summit, in Smithfield township. The church was built in 1880 by Rev. Augustus Young, and was dedicated on August 28, 1881, by Rev. Bishop Dwenger. Rev. Young was relieved of the pastorate by Rev. Peter Franzes from June 20, 1882, till May 11, 1883. After this Father Young again attended the church. The pastorate was taken on July 4, 1884, by Rev. Maximilian Benzinger, who stayed until October 17, 1897. Two acres of land and one acre as a cemetery were donated by John M. Schaudel. In 1885 Benzinger built the pastoral residence at a cost of fourteen hundred dollars. The next pastor was Rev. Herman Jurascheck, until May 18, 1894. In 1895 the church was enlarged to its present size. Revs. Peter Schmitt and John N. Schmitz were other pastors. Since July 13, 1900, the church at Summit has been a mission, attended by the priests of Auburn, Father George Angermaier has charge of the church at present. Sixty families comprise the congregation, and the church is without debt.

The Catholic church in Garrett had its beginnings when Father A. Young was caring for his flock in Auburn. In May and June, 1876, he built the first church in Garrett, a frame building twenty-four by forty feet, at a cost of two thousand dollars. To this he added a sacristy which cost three hundred dollars. As soon as the church was enclosed he opened a select school in it with Josephine Bisset as teacher. This was the first school in Garrett and continued until the public school was opened. In 1886 he moved the sacristy back from the church, built a cross section on the rear end of the church, thirty by forty-eight feet, and also constructed a new belfry and steeple on the church, all of which cost thirty-five hundred dollars. At the same time he built a parsonage for himself costing two thousand dollars. On the tenth day of November, 1886, he moved from Auburn to Garrett.

In 1888 a beautiful and commodious parochial school building was erected, with four schoolrooms sufficient to accommodate two hundred pupils. This building cost six thousand dollars. Again in 1893 the church was remodeled at a cost of thirty-three hundred dollars. Calvary cemetery was purchased and laid out in 1897. The improvements and all cost three thousand dollars. The Sacred Heart Hospital was built in 1902, and is described in the history of Garrett. In 1906 Father Young built an addition to the brick parochial school building which he had constructed in 1888. As it is, there are eight schoolrooms, capable of accommodating four hundred pupils.

The Catholic church at present in Garrett is in a very prosperous condition, and has a very large membership. Father A. Young continues as the pastor.

The first Catholic church in the county was built at Waterloo in 1867, and was attended by Catholics from Auburn and other places. The priests in charge up to 1874 were Revs. R. J. Echlering, R. A. Dimig, R. J. Zimbilde and R. A. Young.

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AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens

(Re: Auburn Courier – 2 Oct 1890)

From what we can learn of the founder of Auburn by private narrative and public record, he was an enterprising, generous, public-spirited and patriotic man and took a leading part in pioneer official actions.

The first election was held in July 1837 when Peter Fair, Samuel Widney and Isaac F. Beecher were chosen county commissions, Walborn and Thomas L. Yates, associate judges of court and John F. Coburn, clerk and recorder. The first board of commissioners met the same month in which they were elected, appointing Wesley Park, clerk and treasurer for the time. B. Bunnell was made county agent for sale of lots and John Blair county assessor. Townships were formed, roads ordered laid out and commissioners appointed to do the work. Andrew Surface, Bunnell, and Park were appointed supervisors at the Sept. term. Park's authority extended over five full townships, designated "district number 1." The first count levy was 25 cts., on $100 valuation.

The commissioners at this session allowed Park $50.84 for services as commissioner, in running out the Ft. Wayne and Coldwater state road and the Goshen and Defiance state road and for services as sheriff. Park's house served as hotel, church, court house and jail. The upper chambers was used for prisoners, who went up the ladder which was then taken away and they were told to stay there and they always did so.

There being pressing need of lumber, W. Park and Samuel Ogden build and run a sawmill on the creek, not far from Park's cabin. The season was healthy and people came on to prospect. Some bought lots speculatively and had a chance to hold them for a long time.

At the fall commissioners' court, grand and petit juries were elected for the first circuit court, which was held in the spring of 1838 by Charles Ewing in the lower part of Park's house. Park wrote, "During the sitting of court, it had to suspend till dinner was cooked; this gave the judge time for a nap which was very desirable, as he was generally fatigued and sometimes rather boozy. He was a brother to W. and G. Ewing, fur traders."

Thomas L. Yates, one of the associate judges when called to his seat beside Ewing appeared in a coarse hunting shirt and fox skin cap and seemed much embarrassed in his new position. He made a good judge, but one day says Park "He got drunk and sentenced one Joseph Bashford, to receive a whipping, and swore that as he was the court and had passed sentence he would inflict the penalty; as the judge was making toward the criminal with the avowed intention, I seized him, and giving he a whirl told him plainly that if the court persisted in inflicting the penalty threatened, the sheriff would put the court up the ladder. Upon this, the court acknowledged the authority of the sheriff, and adjourned peaceably."

Yates had settled in Concord township upon a farm, the present site of Spencerville. This he sold and then settled in Jackson township, on the Lockwood farm. Walden, who had settled early in 1836 near Orangeville, also made a good judge.

At a session in 1838, of the commissioners' court, the following appropriations were made from the three per cent fund for the roads mentioned below viz:

For the Goshen and Defiance road $800, a like sum for the Ft. Wayne and Coldwater, and $400 for the St. Joseph state road. There does not seem to have been much of Auburn as yet, more than three or four rude log houses, and how the grand and petit juries, eighteen in all were accommodate is a query. Perhaps some one of the survivors could enlighten the public by his experience. The year was marked by considerable sickness. Coburn's house down at Wolf's was quite a distance through the woods and into charge of visits between the few women folks as they found occasion in the midst of their daily labors was a pleasant relief. The women need sociability as much if not more than the men in those days. The social amusements proceeded from matters of necessity. The raising of log cabins was generally accompanied with a quilting, or something of the sort, and these brought together the whole neighborhood. When the house was up, innocent amusements succeeded.

It is remembered that Wesley Park offered a lot as a prize to the winner of a foot race between women, a spirited contest was the consequence, and the lot was at once deeded to the victor and long held by the family.

The early necessity of roads made busy work for the commissioners, appointing viewers to determine their course which was not always plainly recorded, but the people manage to get along and left to later times to make better record.

It transpires that old records made by the first township trustees are either missing altogether or exist in a dilapidated condition, as the rights of the public in road and also the rights of landowners are affected by the same, the importance of looking up and preserving the old records, becomes obvious. The time has come when substantial record books should be obtained where they are wanting and where the trustee has not the time to spare, a competent person should be employed to transcribe the first record.

L. Ingram assessed DeKalb county in 1888 and one may imagine the long journeys from clearing to clearing before he had completed his work in so extended and sparsely settled a region, and his allowance when done was $24.00.

Many a settler found himself almost compelled to assume the role of tavern-keeper and as a means of raising a revenue, a license was assessed of twenty dollars on all who kept public houses. There seemed to have been somewhat of a prejudice against the presumably yankee peddler of clocks, as the tariff was fixed at sixty dollars on the vender. The small boy's vender and the old folks' delight, the old fashioned caravan, later known as menagerie or a show of wax figures exhibiting for money was charged forty dollars for each day's performance while the necessary ferryman paid five dollars for the privilege of plying his calling.

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(Auburn Courier - 9 Oct 1890)

It is said that one Comstock opened the first store in Auburn, but there is no record of the fact.

Thomas J. Freeman, who occupied a frame at Park's corners and kept tavern, desiring to sell goods came before the commissioners for a license on March 5, 1838, whereupon it was "ordered that the tax assessed to Thomas J. Freeman for a license to vend foreign merchandise, foreign and domestic groceries for the current year be eighty-five cents, it appearing that the amount of his capital employed therein is $170." Freeman is said to have brought his supplies of goods and groceries from Ft. Wayne on horseback in a pair of saddlebags. The Indian not less then the settler loved whisky and Freeman like most tavern-keepers of that time realized his principal profit from his sales of this commodity. Liquor was much used by the pioneers, it was the preventive of chills, the solace of the woodsman and at log cleaning or cabin raising, it was the stimulus that impelled to the excited competition for honor due physical strength. Records of fine show many a charge of assault and battery doubtless due to the "good whisky of our fathers' times."

In newly settled counties generally here was an appeal to combat to settle difference and fines were the result until they became troublesome. The court then became the arena to which contentions and quarrels were carried and finally arbitrated. If one could not afford the fine or imprisonment, which would be incurred by taking personal satisfaction, he brought a suit and no matter how small the amount claimed, or how trifling the matter, if he could throw his adversary into the costs; he was as elated as if he had made him cry, "enough, take him off." It is this spirit that inspired many a vexatious and costly lawsuit these days.

It has been stated that Mr. Park had agreed to donate one third of the lots in the old plot and as there were over three hundred of them, the county became owner of one hundred. The county agent Bryon Bunnell, was authorized to sell ten of these lots that would best suit purchasers and on the best terms he could secure. He was also authorized to contract for the building of a jail at Auburn, if he could sell enough of the county lots to pay for the work. The following is the plan proposed.

"Said jail to consist of one ground room, sixteen feet square inside of the walls, The upper soil where the jail stands shall be removed and three sticks of timber one foot square and twenty long shall be bedded ten inches into the ground, twenty feet apart from the outside of the two extremes, upon which a floor shall be laid of timber a foot thick and eight to sixteen inches wide making a floor twenty feet square upon which said jail shall be built of double walls of each side two feet thick. The inside wall shall be eight feet high between floors." The jail was to have a shingle roof and be lighted with one four-light window of 8 x 10 glass. It was to be secured by iron grates of inch square bars running at right angles, three inches apart.

On Nov. 5, 1838, Daniel Strong and Isaac T. Aldrich, newly chosen commissioners, together with Peter Fair a member of the old board met at the house of Wesley Park to ______ county business, Anthony Mock and Riley Jacobs were each allowed $1.00 for a day's service as bailiff of grand jury at the previous April term of court. Coburn supplied what books were required for official use and the early records of the county are written upon books, some of which had been in previous use in keeping personal accounts. When all the circumstances are taken into consideration, the first county officials appear to have done a vast amount of important business at little cost to the settlers and of great value to posterity, and to have done it well.

As the commissioners met session after session and settlers moved into various parts of the county, the

few officials having their headquarters at Auburn, were employed in reducing township areas and districts until the congressional became the boundary of the civil townships.

The settlers regarded neither times nor seasons in their journeys, but came in as best they could whether in winter, wading its snows, or in summer, following Miller's Trace, skirting the swamps, and temporarily accepting the hospitality of settlers until an entry could be made when they went on putting up their cabin, and moved into it, doorless, without windows and perhaps chinked, but not dunbed. Continued next week

AUBURN AND VICINIY

Some Reminiscences of Its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens

(Re: Auburn Courier – 16 Oct 1890)

The history of the county in 1838, if written by surviving pioneers would consist of journeys to mill or city for provisions, sufferings of the sick, left often alone in their cabins, hunting adventures among the deer and work in the clearings.

The remembrance by the settlers, of relatives, killed or captured by Indians, the terrible torture inflicted on Crawford and others, inspired a dread of the red man and although the record or memories give account of no cabins burnt, inmate murders and scalped, yet the sight of Indians was sufficient to create anxiety and fear. The Indians still dwelt in the woods, shifting their camps from point to point and bartering cranberries and venison for the settler's flour when he had any.

These were nights of terror when husbands absent and the dismal howling of wolves were heard from the edge of the clearings, and there was fear lest at any moment Indian or wild beast might invade the sometimes doorless cabin, easily done by pushing aside the hanging blanket. And husbands returning late at night through the woods along the trace, held a ready grasp upon the rifle not knowing but that he might be attacked. A settler came in and built a cabin fourteen feet square, others followed and were offered the hospitalities of the dwelling. In this little log cabin fourteen persons lived several months. For some reason, every one took sick and the settlers swung beds to the wall, one above another to accommodate all the sick.

The stock of reading was limited of very few books and they were well read. The monotony of the town was broken and enlivened by the howling wolves, which seemed to moan their inability to drive the settlers from their long and undisputed domain.

John Miller, a well known and highly respected settler relates: 'One cold March evening, after chopping hard all day, I took a bushel of potatoes and seventeen or eighteen pounds of pork, in a sack upon my shoulder, and started about dusk for home. The distance I had to travel along a blind trail through brush in darkness was about six miles. In undertaking to cross Buck creek on a small timber log placed for the purpose, I fell off in the water, which was high. Cold, wet and tired I pursued my journey with heavy load, and was weary enough when I set down my load in my cabin." Although enduring great privations, much happiness fell to the kind of life they were living. One of them said: "When I look back upon the first few years of our residence here, I am led to exclaim. "Oh Happy days of primitive simplicity!" What little aristocratic feeling anyone might have brought with him was soon quelled, for we soon found ourselves equality dependent on one another and we enjoyed our winter evenings around our hissing hearth in our log huts, full as well, aye, much better than has fallen to our lots since the distinctions and animosities consequent upon the acquisition of wealth have crept in among us.

1839

The year 1839 is remembered by the surviving pioneers of DeKalb county as very sickly. There were not a few who were entirely laid up with bilious fever, leaving the ablest of the family to do what work they could.

The entire country was covered by heavy forest growth. Some of the finest timber in America has been cut from the woods of DeKalb, its oak, cherry and black walnut if preserved till now would enrich its owners, but the one object of the settler was to get a patch of land cleared to put in wheat or corn and all trees were cut and logged for burning, to gain this end, and black walnut easy to split was used for fencing in the clearings.

As the hot sun rays fell upon open spaces, malaria from moisture and decaying vegetation, became powerful, slowly diffused itself through the air and carried ague in its course. Dormant in damp ground for long years, it became active as the ground was stirred and settlers were enervated by its pernicious influence, till they were unable to provide themselves with food or medical treatment.

Malaria was worse morning and evening for the air when heated rose bearing miasma with it, and toward evening as the surface cooled, the malaria sank again to the earth. No medicine could remove the disease while malaria existed. It has now disappeared, but only the pioneer knows the loss of available labor from this cause.

Few were the families at this period but knew times of suffering for want of food and attendance. Wild meat could usually be procured without much trouble, deer, turkey, pheasant and other game; but to live on this alone however palatable would tend to enfeeble any but Indians, and hunters long accustomed to its use.

The following touching incident of privation and distress is related of a young man who with his family settled in the thick woods distant from any other settlement. ‘During the summer he cleared a small patch, built him a cabin and in the fall became sick and died. Soon after, a hunter on his way home passing by the clearing saw everything still about the cabin, mistrusted all was not right and knocked at the door to inquire. A feeble voice bade him enter. Opening the door he was startled by the appearance of a woman sitting by a fire, pale, emsoiated? and holding a poor sickly babe. He immediately inquired their health. She burst into tears and was unable to answer. Th hunter stood for a moment aghast at the scene. The woman recovering from her gust of sorrow at length raised her head and pointed toward the bed saying, "there is my little Edward, I expect he is dying, and there is my babe, so sick I cannot lay it down. I am so feeble I can scarcely remain in my chair and my poor husband lies buries beside the cabin. And then, as if frantic by the fearful recital, she spoke in a tone of the deepest anguish, ‘Oh, that I was back to my own home where I could fall into the arms of my mother!" Tears of sympathy rolled down the weather-beaten cheeks of the iron-framed hunter, as he, promising to return, rapidly walked away to bring assistance."

With a sparse population confined principally to the southern and eastern parts of this county, there were few of the men, but in addition to their own work, had to go to the aid of new comers to help raise their log houses or to serve in some official capacity under orders of court or commissioners.

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AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens

(Re: Auburn Courier – 6 Nov 1890)

The demand for roads in various quarters was made known by petitions, and survey was generally ordered. Inability to bridge swamps at that day compelled road masters to follow high ground skirting low, wet places, and resulted in crooks and windings, still to some extent. Mr. Miller having more than he could do. George Weeks, then of Newville, and J. W. Ball were engaged in surveys, and the commissioners record of 1839 names many a pioneer who carried a chain or swung the ax to blaze the route, and viewed the embryo road.

At the May term of probate court, only Ariel Walden and Nelson Payne, associate judges, were in attendance to dispose of the few cases of wills and guardianships. It was ordered that the publication required by law be made by setting up written notices in three of the most public places in this county. Coburn, the clerk, has left a plainly written, well expressed record, and the proceedings generally reflect great credit upon the men chosen to form the new county and conduct its business. At the circuit court, Henry Cooper and Reuben J. Dawson were admitted as attorneys and counselor-at-law at the bar. In looking over the record, the character of the cases reveals much of the pioneer life. Grand larceny was by no means uncommon when among the pioneers was found a class of human strays who hunted but would not work and whose law was to take and keep what came in their way white strolling about the clearings.

There was much of physical force when strength was all important in the contest with nature, and we see it plainly revealed in the long race from the chosen section far off in the woods to the land office, the journeys for supplies to the northern points or south to Fort Wayne, and in the very actions of the judges met to try the merits of alleged misdemeanors.

Many the long tramp, ride and journey then, that to us of today would seem almost impossible, and a contrast of the emigrants coming slowly on horseback, ox sled and on foot with the lightning trains from east to the far west, is more than wonderful, it is marvelous. Not all who came to Auburn in '38 and earlier were poor, but such was the condition of the great majority. There were speculators, and usurers then, as there had been from times memorial, and the disappointments caused by sickness and death compelled a terror to the latter class. Who can recount and understand, save in his own bitter experience, the privations of poverty, augmented by suits for debt and foreclosures of mortgages, turning the settler adrift and voiding to him all the labor and suffering so far endured.

I envy no man his wealth, won by foreclosed mortgages on the homes of the unfortunate. It needs a heart steeled to feeling, and no _____ to which the good Samaritan was a stranger.

For several years, Auburn was little more than a name, and many lots were bought and held by speculators. In march, '38, John B. Howe, Park's associate, seems to have lost faith or interest in the place, judging by his sale of a large number of lots to Henry Work for $400. In '89 there was some sale of lots, but few if any building on them. Several settlers who have of late years become prominent in Auburn as officials and business men, came this year and settled on farms in the country.

The first restrictions upon selling whiskey are revealed in several indictments for selling to Indians and for "selling to be drunk in the home." The frequent ague thrill, that indescribable emotion, at the stomach, that gaping yawn sought readies relief from the fiery warmth of alcoholic drink. I do not know whether the Indians had chills, but if they did, they were right in seeking relief from whisky.

It is remembered that Park and Spencer had offered many lots to the county and that Byron Bunnell had been appointed agent for their sale as needed. The commissioners have left it on record that "Bunnell not

having settled with the commissioners as required by law, for nineteen months was dismissed and Thomas J. Freeman was appointed in his place. All orders for selling town lots and for building a jail were rescinded although he was paid for what had been done.

Freeman, Park and Nelson Payne, who came into notice as merchants at "the corners" were appointed superintendents for building a jail, and it was made their duty to select for a site some one of the lots owned by the county, to prepare a plan and to progress with the building as fast as practicable. Payment was to be made with the proceeds of the sale of the lots. No debts were to be made so as to necessitate the selling of such lots for less than their real value. All county lots were subject to sale except lots No. 169 and 170, which were not to be offered by Freeman who, however, was authorized to select either of them, or any other site for the jail. The new county agent was required to give bonds to the amount of $5,000, which seems to have been excessive but satisfactory to both parties. The excepted lots are those occupied by Trout's livery stable and the new engine house, made over from the old jail. The tax levied was 85c on the $100. L. Ingman, treasurer, made report in the fall, "no money in the treasury," and the same condition of things has, with short lived exceptions, continued down to the present.

Freeman reports the sale of four lots, viz: Nos. 68 for $35, 71 for $20, 25 for $18 and 80 for $30. Total receipts, $103. With this he had paid for making and acknowledging two deeds, $1.50, for clearing the jail lot of timber, $6.00, hewing 1,680 feet of timber, $16.20, and for making 1,600 shingles, $9.00.

Several men came in the fall of '39, boarded with Parks and Freeman, and bought land and lots, aided in their selection by Parks, who charged a small fee for his trouble.

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AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of it Early Days and Pioneer Citizens

(Re: Auburn Courier – 13 Nov 1890)

Daniel Altenburg and Levi Walsworth with their wives, who were sisters of James Latson, so long county coroner, moved to Auburn from Steubenville, Steuben county, Nov. 4, 1838 and found much difficulty in making their journey. A heavy snow had fallen and continued to fall so obscuring the road and bending overloaded boughs that one had to go in advance to keep the track. The women assisted to drive some stock they had brought with them, walking in snow and mud, keeping pace with the slow ox teams. Night came on and they were ___ in the forest, with no way of making a fire, nothing for their animals to eat and no resting place but the wagons. The long drawn terrifying howl of a wolf was answered by others which gathered around them frightening the women and children. One yoke of cattle got entirely off the road and the wagon became so entangled among logs and trees that it had to be left and both yokes being hitched to one wagon they drove on to the vicinity of Isaac B. Smith's cabin in Smithfield township followed by a pack of howling wolves.

Mr. Smith took in the belated immigrants and kept them till morning when the abandoned wagon was recovered and three miles progress made when night returned and found them at Cedar Creek, where Uniontown now is. Here they saw a board shanty occupied by two men who were employed building a bridge and who gave them the hospitality of the cabin in which they some how contrived to bestow themselves. Surmounting the difficulty of arriving, they finally got through to Auburn where they remained till January 1839 when they moved into the cabin of Altenburg's three miles east of the village. The cabin was chimneyless and open between the logs while nightly the woods rang with the howling of

wolves. "From Jan. 1, to March 10" said Walsworth, "Our women saw no human beings but their own families with one solitary exception of a man who strayed in." they had ample experience of pioneers' troubles, being days on journeys to Union Mills, Lagrange county, for bread stuffs and after hard days work chopping, walking through the swamps to Auburn for a bushel of potatoes. Mr. Altenburg was one day at work chopping off a clearing when a tree fell upon him breaking his arm and several ribs, the result was the loss of an arm and he was fortunate in not losing his life. Two amputations and a year of most intense suffering were endured by him and long after, severe neuralgia pain and tortured and almost distorted this early and long surviving settler. It is several years since he returned to Auburn and located in the north end of town in Rainier & Headley's addition. A third amputation proved fruitless and I am sure that few on Old Setters' Day, some years ago, who saw him upon the platform but felt compassion in these life-long consequences of the accident. He died in 1888,

Another of the difficulties met at this time was scarcity of teams. The settlers had raised nothing of account to feed cattle in winter and they were forced to make shifts to get along without. This meant hard labor logging with hand-spikes in the clearings and digging holes among the roofs of stumps with hoes and putting in seed corn. There were crops raised entirely by use of the hoe.

It was a happy thought sometime ago by Mr. Heberling to treat the old settlers to a free ride behind a traction engine as a reminder of those days when they used cast iron mold board plows that would not scour, hoed the corn fields and reaped the wheat with the sickle.

In the clerk's office is an old book bearing the inscription printed along the back, "Record of ear marks" There one can see the bieroglyphie representation of the ear marks of Parks, Ingman and others whose ingenuity in this direction is only equaled by the skill of the delineator of bovine figures. The times are changed now and not all for the better. There was a healthy pleasure in the journeys on toward night, by the children for the cows, which socially herded together as they browsed the shrubbery and grass and made known their where abouts by bell-ringing not so harmonious perhaps as the performances of the Swiss family, but as musical to the barefooted boys and girls who among the various sounds, quickly single out their own bell. Sometimes they were belated before the cows were found and as they started homeward, thoughts of wild beasts made them keep close, with a felling of companionship in the presence of the cows.

There are good fences in these times and one township and town after another has rescinded orders permitting stock to run at large land and the cattle of their own accord seek the farm had rich meadows, flowing springs and streams supply good pasture to the many fine herds of blooded cattle, little by little purchased and raised by leading farmers.

There are many things of old time memories. They are not all in cutting roads, logging, clearing and filing ear marks; there is the memory of native cattle, swine and sheep which ill-contrast with the Durham cattle, Poland China hogs and merino sheep which constitutes the stock of to-day.

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The year 1840 is remarkable for the great enthusiasm of the whig party in it advocacy of Harrison, of Indiana, for president. "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too." Logs cabins and hard cider were the slogan of the people, and the consequent victory after the democratic party had been in power for forty years filled the whigs with exultation, but in the far off woods of DeKalb County the desire of home, food and health was the ruling, emotion and no statement of which party gained the day in the various elections of this early time appears on record.

On feature of the settlement of this region was the independent character of the arrivals. Year after year they came not in companies to found colonies but individuals made their way hither to spy out the land, select and make their entries and then return for families for a permanent sojourn.

In the sense there was illustrated Darwin's "survival of the fittest," for those easy of discouragement soon returned, the plucky but weakly fell pray to disease, and the strong took and held their ground.

It is usual in telling of the war to depict in glowing terms the devotion of soldiers to their colors and cause. How they fought, endured and triumphed, forms the themes of all oratory, while the anxiety, suspense, isolation, loneliness and final certainty of violent death of loved ones, harrowing the feelings and seating a sorrow not to be removed, has little recognition, so in pioneer days the old settler is the center figure about whom converged all of interest. We follow him on wearisome journeys, sympathize with him in his losses and rejoice at this final success, while his wife separated from her relatives by many leagues of forest, often left alone by night as well as by day with only her little children, helping in the clearing, seeding and harvesting, taking charge when fever had brought down her husband, and bravely keeping on till physically exhausted and borne to a final rest, while she is almost ignored. It is not yet too late for some of our pioneer mothers to tell their story of the early days and to let their somewhat degenerate granddaughters know how they lived, toiled and in what they found their recreations. They had no sewing machine, nor organ, nor fancy footgear, nor skating rink, no swift train bore them to a neighboring village, nor accommodating bus to an out-town social. An old lady informs me that when she visited her neighbors, she took one of the two children on her back, carried the other in her arms and so made her way through the woods to the desired clearing, met a hearty greeting and was accompanied part way home by her gratified neighbor.

There is now living in the north end of Auburn a family who came here January 17, 1840, and were familiar with the trials of that now olden time. J. O. P. Sherlock came here in the fall of '39, stopped with Mr. Ingman for a while and engaged a lot from Park. He returned to Columbus, Ohio for his family. He came back via Ft. Wayne coming north, he found the snow deep along the blazed trail and reaching the cabin of Robert Work, left there his team and household goods. Mrs. Hannah Sherlock was mounted on horseback with two children, Charles aged seven and William four years, and rode to Auburn preceded by Mr. Sherlock on foot. She was very tired when the party finally reached the cabin of John F. Coburn, who was out chopping a log in front of the door. She called to him, "How far is it the Auburn?" and Coburn replied: "You are in Auburn now." "Well, I'm mighty glad," she said but there was nothing to distinguish the locality as a town site from any of the miles of woods through which they had traveled.

Up to trace they went to Ingman's and were made welcome by her sister to quarters in their home. She was soon called upon by some of the women in the place, viz.; Mrs. Park, Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Frink. She found that the Methodist conference was being held here and was rejoiced at the prospect of company while the meeting lasted. Mr. Sherlock and family passed the winter with Ingman and in the spring, moved into a little log house then standing on the lot now occupied by Alfred Cass, and lived there till '42 when they moved into a house built by Sherlock on lot now owned by John Baxter. For a time, Sherlock kept tavern. He was a cabinet maker, pursued his trade and made the rough coffin in which the first to die were

placed for burial in the old cemetery. The condition of the grave yard at that time away in the woods may be inferred from the fact that it was with difficulty that Mr. Coburn found the place of his wife's burial, some time afterwards.

Mrs. Sherlock was tailor for the settlers, made up clothing and essayed millinery in doing up the bonnets of the women folks.

The home was sold to Aaron Hague, who had been elected auditor, was torn down and the dwelling of Tomas Baldock was put up by Sheriff John Miller in its place.

The only other women in Auburn in the early part of 1840 were Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Alford, Mrs. Ingman, Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Coburn, and this short list was destined to be speedily reduced by death. There is not telling what caused this mortality, but it seems that the place was for years unhealthy and this fact explains its slow and doubtful growth. It almost seems as if those pioneers sacrificed themselves unknowingly to prepare the way for those who were to come afterwards.

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AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of its Early days and Pioneer Citizens

1840

(Re: Auburn Courier – 11 Dec 1890)

Small as the village was, the inhabitants were alive to the need of education their children and Mr. Sherlock, trustee went in search of a teacher. He found one in the person of Miss Jane Bailey, who engaged to teach a subscription school for the summer term. The school was held in a deserted, partly unfinished building which was, also, used for meetings. Sherlock complains of the scarcity of provisions which were brought up from Fort Wayne. Himself and Ingman being in partnership in cabinet-making received an order accompanied by $5.00. This money came very opportunely and it was, at once, given to Riley Jacobs who was going to the city, and he was directed to use it in buying flour, but it was not a question of price, there was none to be had and Jacobs invested the money in corn meal which was found to be musty and both families were out of meal in a week. The question of provisions was a serious one and those scarce of cash saw hard times. There was hunger and not much means on hand to satisfy its carvings. Greens were gathered on the bottom and boiled for use. Deer and pheasants could be killed with little difficulty and venison was plenty. Sherlock though laying no claim to skill in hunting, shot three deer one evening on what was later the Mader farm. It was the need of flour; meal and even potatoes were welcome provided they were to be had. Night after night the wolves assembled above the mill dam and their chorused howlings made darkness dismal to the few occupants of the village.

Sickness from ague became serious; and from roots was sought and found fruitless and a Dr. Wheelock was sent for from Huntertown.

The records inform us that O. A. Parsons came in '40, applied for a license to sell merchandise which was granted him, and so a second stock of supplies was brought in while Freeman the pioneer in mercantile effort continued in the business. Their patronage as we have intimated was from the new comers on their entries miles away and their goods were of the kind in demand by those who were governed in choice by necessity.

The village can scarcely be said to have been growing. To be sure, lots changed owners, a school had been taught, a jail and court house were contemplated, a few cabins went up and trade men sought to practice their callings, but life was lonely and monotonous and only the sonorous sighing of the sawmill broke the primitive stillness. Settlers coming along in their wagons temporarily left their families here till preparations could be made for shelter on their future farms and the women were glad when called to leave, and their are yet living those who preferred the loneliness of the woods in the company of infant children in a doorless, sashless cabin, to the little settlement of straggling houses to which the summer evening breeze wafted the paralyzing miasm rising from the milldam and along the timber obstructed bed of Cedar creek.

On September 5th '40, Sarah A. Sherlock was born. She is the wife of Mr. Cass, and is now the oldest native resident of the town of Auburn.

Nelson Payne, a blacksmith, by trade was living on a farm in Richland township, and early became identified with public affairs.

At the May session of the commissioners court, the county officers having determined to build a court house on the public square, appointed Messrs. Freeman, Park and Payne superintendents to attend to the business.

Its dimensions were to be "thirty feet north and south, and forty feet, east and west, six feet of which shall be a portico, four feet to stairs and wood rooms, Leaving the court house thirty feet square. Two front doors and an alley from each to circle fronting the judges bench which was to be elevated a few feet above the floor. The clerk's seat and table to be in front of the bench. The criminal's box to be also, in front of the bench. The rooms to be lighted by eleven 24-light windows above and below, The front of portico to be supported by four turned pillars fifteen inches in diameter." The cost of this contemplated building was to be defrayed by a sale of lots belonging to the county, excepting those required to pay for the jail, ten per cent set aside by law for a county library, and in-lot No. 12 which was not to be sold.

On the 9th of September Riley Jacob succeeded Mr. Freeman as county agent and at this, session the county levy was fixed at $2.00 on $100.00.

Initial measures were taken to destroy wolves by a bounty of two dollars a scalp for each wolf over six months old, and one dollar for each one under that age. The expected hunters were instructed to produce the scalps before a justice of the peace and to swear that they were the immediate cause of the death of the wolves, that they were killed within bounds of the county and that they have not spared a she wolf when it was in their power to destroy her. The justice then destroyed the scalps and issued certificate of presentation which certificates brought before commissioners were valid authority for issuer of county warrant for bounty.

Something over $50, was paid out in 1841 to the Goetschius brothers, James and Dewitt, John Mathews, Elias Smith, Samuel Warren, and Lyman Holbrook. From 1842 to 1849, about $285.00 was paid in bounties; the largest amount in any one year being $171.62, in 1849. After this date it became possible to raise sheep and not till late years has that domestic wolf—the dog become a terror to sheep raising. The bounty of early days has become the tax of the present and the surplus fund after paying for all sheep killed, is paid to the county treasurer and by the auditor apportioned to townships as school revenue. Wolf hunting was a lucrative business and called into action the best skill in the county.

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AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of Its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens.

1840

(Re: Auburn Courier – 18 Dec 1890)

Along in December 1840, Park's house burnt down and the log building which had the honor of having the first court in the county held within its rough walls and in addition was the first tavern in Auburn, thus early became the prey of that fiery element which has been so adverse to the financial prosperity of Auburn ever since.

That building recalls the organization of the county. The first judicial proceedings in the administration of law and justice, the first legal punishment of criminals. There were held religious meetings, for Wesley Park was steward on the circuit of the M. E. church embracing a large extent of territory and up into its upper story the criminal went to remain till called to descend the replaced ladder and go back to his clearing or to the solitude of the woods.

As a tavern, many a weary traveler, through the dense and lonely forest, has been sheltered and refreshed beneath its humble roof ere it was turned to ashes. Mr. Park again took possession of the little cabin, he had built on occasion of his first vast and engaged carpenters to rebuild on the same site on a lager scale.

Four years had elapsed and the population probably did not exceed forty persons, and yet a few leading men here at the county seat with confidence in the future that brooked no discouragement in vested in town lots and with kind greeting to such as joined them showed how, from an humble beginning, honest labor, painstaking industry and thrifty management can triumph in the face of add difficulties.

1841

Most men act from motive and a course known to be attended with some danger and much hardship would not be taken without due deliberation and just estimate of the immediate or future probabilities of benefits.

Elsewhere enterprising men had gone in search of furs, just as more recently, they have explored the Rocky mountains prospecting the mineral wealth, but those even of family who located in Auburn and settled within the hearts of DeKalb county had no thought of either.

No _____ of sudden riches led them on through swamps and wood, no expectation of honors cheered their long, difficult journeys. They knew that travel was but a prelude to labor and that there was no room for idlers.

In the old McGuffy's third reader there was a delightful dialogue in which Mr. Barlow calls the boys about him and proposing himself as the founder of a colony, invites each to announce his trade or profession and as this is done, accepts or rejects with good reasons, the volunteer as useful partly-needed or out of place there.

Wesley Park, of Auburn, might well stand for Mr. Barlow and the newcomers as the actual settlers. Most hoped to find a home for themselves and family, to grow up with the country and whatever their trade had

been, to temporarily subordinate this to that common labor essential to the clearing of lots and land and the erection of dwelling, barns and public buildings.

The preacher upon the Sabbath was a laborer on work day; the carpenter, blacksmith and others worked at their trade as opportunity followed that business which paid best. A. T. Frink, probably Auburn's first carpenter, found place to use his knowledge as a surveyor. Nelson Payne, the blacksmith, became a merchant, tavern-keeper, judge and trustee of seminary fund.

The commissioners in session received their plan of the court house, entered into detail of structure and fixed the date when the work was to be done as July 1, '42. L. Ingman as county treasurer made annual report in January, '41 that there was indebtedness on the book of $422.63 and, "no money to pay them." He had received for license since April 30, '39, $105.43 ¾.

The fraction recalls the sixpence and shilling by which computations were made and the settlers were more familiar with Spanish quarters and Mexican dollars, than the present dimes and the hght?-weight dollars of the day.

Rufus R. Lounsberry, commissioner of the three per cent fund reported his receipts at $493. He had let jobs to the amount of $511.50 and had paid on them $257.25 Increase of population and location of new roads caused a redistricting of road districts in Concord, Union and Franklin townships.

The license on the vendor of wooden clocks was continued at $50. Brass and composition clocks could be sold by paying a license of $20, and the old time caravan was taxed $30.

Ingman was reappointed treasurer and Wm. P. Means assessor of the county. The superintendents for building a court house were authorized to contract for the clearing or partial clearing of the public square to be paid from common fund if sale of town lots proved inefficient.

An act of the legislature approved Feb. '37 to provide for distributing so much of the surplus revenue of the United States, as the state of Indiana may be entitled to by virtue of an act of Congress passed June 23, 1836, was taken into consideration by the commissioners, who were called upon to decide whether DeKalb's apportionment should be vested in bank stock or loaned out in the county. With excellent good sense the board ordered that the money should not be invested in bank stock, but should be brought into the county and then loaned out by the surplus revenue agent of the county In this connection Samuel Widney was appointed revenue agent for the ensuing year.

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AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens

1841

(Re: Auburn Courier – 25 Dec 1890)

During this year a number of persons came to Auburn, among whom were Samuel W. Sprott and David Weaver, single men, and David Shoemaker, Henry Curtis and Lyman Chidsey, these last three were carpenters and George Wagoner, a blacksmith who now lives and has his shop in the north suburbs of the town and has continued at this trade with fair results all these years. In February, '41 James R. Cosper, his

father David Cosper, a veteran of 1812, wife Mary and a son Saxby, two years of age also came to Auburn.

He had reached the Black Swamp, his goods being hauled by the team of Enos Ayres thus far, when snow began to fall and continued falling throughout the afternoon. While walking along behind the wagon, Squire Cosper saw some hogs come out to the road, one of which had in his mouth the skirt of a broad-cloth to pieces. The question naturally arose, whose coat this had been and how the hogs came by it.

A mile farther on, Bair's tavern located in the center of the swamp, was reached and lodging obtained. Next day the snow was quite deep and still falling so that progress with wheels was impracticable. Mr. Cosper, who was a carpenter by trade set to work and made a sled, put the wagon bed upon it, loaded in the goods and provisions and went on to Defiance. Here one of Ayres horses got disabled by a kick and a Mr. Gorrill, who had settled on Big Run and was so far returned from a visit east, kindly hitched his horse with the other and came forward via Clarksville. Mr. Gorrill gave the use of his horse to return for the wagon. The company reached Auburn on Feb. 13, being nine days out from Knox county, Ohio.

They stopped at the tavern of Mr. Freeman just across the street from Charles Raut's house. They were met by O. A. Parsons, who had the care of the home of Mr. Coburn, who had lost his wife and had gone on a visit to Ohio.

Mr. Parsons gave them the key and directed the party down to the house in which was all of Coburn's furniture. They lived here till in May. David Cosper meantime had bought lot No. 57 O. P from Thomas Warner, of Ohio, and had traded a good watch for two others, to A. and C. Alvord, who had bought Howe's interest in the town plat and were owners of a large number of lots.

It will be remembered that Mr. Park had promised to deed the county one third of the lots in the plat provided the county seat was located here. The Alvords refused to recognize this agreement as affecting their interests, made by Park during their absence, and Park manfully standing the loss, proceeded to deed the requisite number to the county.

The two lots traded for were numbers 59 and 61, now owned and occupied by Edward Eldridge and Samuel Ralston. All three lots were covered with trees. Those standing on No. 57 were chopped down and the logs furnished the material for a log house which was raised in short order by the settlers and the family moved in.

By this time, James Cosper had raised and enclosed the frame house on lot 61, now owned and occupied by Mr. Raut. Mr. Park had burnt out in December, having met Mr. Cosper the previous year when he entered his present farm in Union township, four miles east of Auburn, invited him in and gave him the job of building this house. On its completion, Mr. Park moved in and there had his office as county treasurer and here commissioners, circuit and probate courts were held the same year.

The village now gave improved facilities for travelers as there were not less than four so-called taverns. Thomas J. Freeman's one and one-half story frame built by a carpenter from Angola standing west of Park. O. A. Parsons', one story, north of Park, J. O. P. Sherlock's one story frame on lot No. 165 which lot he had meantime cleared of trees, and Nelson Payne's in a frame standing on the corner of lot No. 60. It is probable that accommodations were not on a very large scale in board and bed, but hearty appetites and wearied bodied, made food palatable and slumber sound and restful. But rooms, like an omnibus, always had place for one more and the well-roped bed stead, was not in frequently called to hold two occupants and in extremity, possibly three.

The tavern sign was ubiquitous those days, and whether this compensated hospitality was lucrative to the

many hosts or not, the result was a great air to the moving public. The days of the tavern are over, the era of railroads had left them in the far background with the stage coach, the plank road and the toll gates. Here and there all over the county, the traveler meets the dilapidated old frames and barns, silent and almost deserted where once all was life and bustle and confusion of arrival and departure. Auburn has been notable for its taverns, and its leading public houses of to-day, are well worthy of the appellation—hotel.

In mercantile venture, we find Freeman, Parson, and Payne filling in time not required as landlords, in the retail of goods, groceries and spirituous liquors. Freeman continued in business a number of years, became involved in some trouble and though struggling hard was finally overcome. O. A. Parsons was associated in business with George Wright and these parties traded in foreign and domestic goods, jewelry, drugs and medicines under the firm name of O. A. Parsons & Co., N. Payne took out a license to keep tavern with the privilege to retail spirituous liquors in Auburn, one year from September, '41, for which he was charged $25.00. Later Freeman and Payne formed a partnership of brief duration, then did business as the agent of ex governor B. F. Wallace but he was in a manner unfortunate and unsuccessful.

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Some Reminiscences of its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens

1841

(Re: Auburn Courier – 1 Jan 1891)

The clearing effected at this time was upon some, over a dozen lots in various localities. The trees had been cut from about an acre north of R_nt's for the use of the sawmill, which, built by David Ogden and Wesley Park was this year bought by David Weave and run by him. Samuel Haines jr. and father came in an so on after their arrival Haines was hired by the superintendents for building court house to clear the public square. He chopped the trees, logged and burnt them, but did not complete the work, as later annals speak of this work as but partially done.

Mr. Haines had a large family and the employment was timely and proved a great help to him.

Messrs Ingman and Sherlock were cabinetmakers, the former living on a lot now owned by Dr. Swartz.

Of resident carpenters, there were Mr. Cosper and Lyman Chidsey, who was employed by the former and who had a farm southeast of the village. Riley Jacobs lived in a cabin standing on a lot now the property of Mr. Boland and is remembered as one of the county agents for the disposal of town lots. His wife died and was buried Feb. 16, and Mrs. Alvord died about a month later, making the third of the pioneer women who had come here to ___ a western grave after a few months of struggle with hardship and disease.

The village now suffered from sickness involving almost the entire population. The sick were obliged to wait upon themselves, the worst off were assisted by those less so. This may truthfully be termed "the sickly time." Mr. Cosper who took the census of the town in October found seventy-two inhabitant all told and Mr. Ingman and A. Z. Cosper now wife of Wm. H. McIntosh were the only ones out of the whole number but what then were or had been sick. Cosper had brought from Ohio a barrel of meat, a bag of coffee and a ten-gallon wooden churn filled with dried peaches. The provisions all came handy, but nothing more so than the dried fruit which was a rare delicacy and were a valued addition to the fare of the

invalid.

This was picnic for the three doctors, Ross, the first comer and R. B. Cooper and Eli Pritchard who arrived in the fall. Their prescriptions were calomel and quinine, and the disease being no respecter of persons, laid hold of the physicians themselves. Roots and herbs had their advocates and as the cause was continuous, any medicine served as a remedy, whisky among the rest.

Mr. Coburn resigned his official positions Nov. 9, '41, and removed to what is now known as Coburn's Corners. Samuel Sprott was appointed clerk of the court and auditor of the county. On December 4, he was authorized to build an office on the public square for his use as clerk and also as recorder, the limit of cost not to exceed. $200. A table, desk and bookcase with pigeon holes were order made for the use of the public offices and the cabinet makers got an official job payable in county orders.

It is noticed that partial payments were then made on the orders and at intervals all outstanding were called in and new ones issued instead. They were issued in small sums and passed from hand to hand as a species of currency.

A board of equalization met at the December session, Daniel Strong and Warner Spooner being present and Daniel Moody absent. Wm. P. Means was given the job to make plats of all the townships and villages in the county. Jonathan Puffenberger was in Auburn this season and late in the fall of '40 or the next spring, built a hewed log house on lot No. 96. Two or three years afterwards, from means derived from settlement of his father's estate, he put up a store building on the site of the National Bank, he living in the back part and occupying the front for goods. Puffenberger was sheriff after Freeman died, about 50 or 51, when his widow sold out the remaining stock of goods and occupied the house as a home till along in '76, when the bank officials bought the property and sold the old frame which was moved to the far south end of town. Mr. Puffenberger bought the property on Van Buren street now occupied by Mr. Hoisington and there died.

Many remember her son Samuel who went to Texas and afterwards to the west where he died.

Alvord moved from Auburn shortly after the death of his wife. Riley Jacobs went about '48 and to the score of men who constituted the voting population in 1841, Sherlock, Weaver and Wagoner _____ remain to-day.

"To the multitude goes, like the flowers or the weeds

That withers away to let others succeed;

We the multitude comes, even those we behold.

To repeat every tale that has often been told."

1842

In 1842 quite a number of persons intending to settle in the county arrived in Auburn and speedily as possible prepared accommodations for their families and then moved into the woods and set to work bravely to clear up future farms. How well they succeeded, it is only essential to glance at the county as it now appears. Well populated and advanced, and yet advancing in cultivation and improvement.

The log cabin with mud and stick chimney in the midst of girdled trees with cleared patches in corn is a

memory now, and we find farm contiguous to farm, commodious frame and brick buildings, the fine large barns, flourishing orchards, numerous roads and several railroads, supplying connection with all parts of the county and affording speedy transit to market of great quantities of produce.

The wilderness has become the pleasant homes of wealthy, prosperous and contented farmers.

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AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens.

1842

(Re: Auburn Courier – 8 Jan 1891)

Among permanent settlers in the village of Auburn, was O. C. Houghton and family from New York. He bought the lots now owned by his widow and built a log house upon the rear part of them, calculating that with time would come the means to erect a better habitation nearer the street, and the present structure shows how he realized his purpose. He was a carpenter and besides other work, built Payne's and Puffenberger's stores. A company was formed in 1857 and built the seam mill in the south end of town. The company failed and disposed of the property to Wesley Park and others who in turn sold to Houghton, who was successful, accumulated quite a sum for those times and sold the Sheets brothers by whom the mill was run for some years at fair profit.

With his money, Mr. Houghton bought one hundred acres of good land of a Weaver, one mile west of town, lived there till his death when the family came to town.

Aaron Hague, a farmer in Concord township, having been elected Auditor in the fall of 1842, sold he farm to David Cosper, came to town and bought out J. O. P. Sherlock. It is noteworthy that his son Isaac Hague was elected to the same office thirty and odd years later. Abel Forshay and Asa Chappell engaged in making bricks on what is now known as the Peter Shafer farm and burnt their first kiln in '41. This kiln was the cause of Chappell's death. They had fired for a day or two but the work was defective and the heat did not get through so that they concluded to take it down and rebuild. The brick was steaming, and inhaling this steam affected their lungs. Forshay not well, moved to town, set up a shoe shop, was unsuccessful, sold his farm to John U. Ashleman went to Kendallville and died there. Chappell died and Cosper married his widow. Old Mr. Hart and son David Hart made their appearance and started a whisky shop in a building which stood on the Long property. The old man soon died. David remained in the town several years. He was professed "coon-hunter," claimed to have studied medicine with an Indian and prescribed Indian remedies for prevailing diseases and disorders. His prescriptions were gratis and given in friendship.

There was much faith in the medicinal properties of plants used by the Indians. Ignorant of scientific skill, these people were led by necessity to learn from nature. By long observation and exposure. By long observation and experience, they gained valuable knowledge of the qualities of herbs and plants. Each new and curious plant was regarded with scrutiny. Color, taste and smell were noted as signs of properties and there is no doubt but that the Indians had medical knowledge but their discoveries and observations have perished with themselves and the modern Indian doctors trade upon forgotten lore.

The clearings became too numerous and the game too scarce for "Dr." Hart and he moved on westward.

Old Mr. Robbins came in '41 or '42, but was soon carried off by bilious fever which seemed fatal especially to the aged, and his widow later became the wife of Hugh Watt.

David S. Shoemaker came in April of '41. He was a carpenter and worked on Park's house and on Parson's ashery east of the sawmill. December following the Hicksville mills, grist and saw, were burnt and A. P. Edgerton, agent of the two Hicks brothers who were residents of New York and who owned several township of land in Defiance and Williams counties, advertised for carpenters to rebuild. Some twenty five responded to the call. Among these were Cosper and Shoemaker. They all found employment, most were single men in search of home and some of them took their pay in lands which later became their homestead farms. Byron Bunnell of whom mention has been made in connection with the county agency, went there and boarded the hands.

The mill frame was of very heavy timber and of large dimensions and the boiler for the engine had previously done service upon a steamboat. The time occupied in building the Hicksville mills was from January '41 to March '42. Shoemaker whose wife had died in Auburn, and Cosper, coming and going at intervals, till the close of the work, built a barn for Abbott, took a yoke of oxen in payment, and, thus prepared for work, moved upon his farm.

Jonathan Poffenbarger lived upon the lot where John Henry now resides. For a time, he occupied a hewed log house, and, two or three years afterward, having, from settlement of his father's estate, received some money, he put up a store and dwelling combined upon the site of the national bank block. Upon his death, the widow disposed gradually of his remaining stock and occupied the house as her home until 1875, when she sold out to advantage and, removed to property now owned by H. H. Hoisington, where she died, advanced in years and much respected.

Charles Stimely was a bachelor and had a small frame which he used as a gunsmith shop on the lot where S. U. Tarney lives, and after his marriage, he erected the building later owned by Hugh Watt, and later the home of Eli Coder, our ex-Town Clerk, now replaced by the handsome modern residence of Dr. Nusbaum.

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AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens

(Re: Auburn Courier – 15 Jan 1891)

1842

A building was put up by order of Park on the site of Davis' hardware store for a family which failed to come and take it off his hand. It was not finished and was variously used for school, church and public meetings.

People came in slowly; here and there a cabin went up but here was little to encourage settlers to remain or more to come.

In the summer or fall of 1842, a hurricane or as it would be termed now, a cyclone swept through a part of the county doing much damage and leaving marks even yet discernible. While each, year, we hear of the terrible destruction wrought by these wind storms we are fortunately exempt and it will be of interest to

relate the story of that early hurricane as found in pioneer sketches, especially as many mentioned still live and vividly remember that time of peril.

"A dark cloud arose seeming to threaten a heavy shower, but soon the rapid motion and wild confusion of the clouds betokened the approach of a windstorm. It struck the forest near the west line of the farm of Joseph Woolsey and, with scarcely any exception leveled the timber from thence."

West of Mr. Cosper's and about eighty rods from the house of Henry Brown, a party of men were working on the road. Among them, were the Georges, William and Matthew, Henry Brown and Nelson Griffith. The men seeing the storm, coming and the air darkened by clouds and with the limbs of trees which the wind was carrying towards them, and hearing the continued roar of falling timbers, ran with all their speed to the house of Mr. Brown, where his children and a daughter of William Monroe were, and rushing in, they seized the children and scarce had they carried them into an opened field before the storm was upon them. The force of the wind was such that they had to hold by stumps to keep from being blown away. In the hurry of the moment, a child and the young women had been left in the house and by some means they fell through the floor. The wind lifted the door from the hinges; the logs of the house came bumbling in; the house was leveled even to the foundation and yet the woman and child were uninjured.

Mr. Cosper had raised a cabin but had not moved in. This cabin was demolished and the weight poles were blown a distance of forty rods or farther. Those in the field did not escape harm. A knee from the roof struck Leander Brown, son of Henry Brown, and severely injured his head. The effects were felt for years.

The storm swept on scattering fences like feathers over Browns' improvement shivering the heavy forest in its course and striking the dwellings of the Georges, bore away the roofs and upper parts and totally destroyed their fences.

Like an enraged demon, it again struck the forest and bore down every tree in its course until it reached land in Concord township, later owned by James Draggoo and there rising high or partially exhausted, it ceased its work of terrific destruction. Articles of bed clothing from Brown's home were picked up more than two miles away.

The width of the hurricane as-shown by its path of destruction was about a half mile and its length three miles.

After the storm had abated, the wife of Wm. George started to go to Brown's. The latter was distant, a half mile westward and the road had been plain, but she soon became so bewildered by the wild confusion of fallen timber, that she lost her way, and after exerting herself to the utmost of her strength, doubled by her great excitement, finally came to George Moore's one mile south of her starting point, and no sooner had she found herself safe than her strength failed and she swooned away.

Much of this fallen timber was generally cleaned up on the farms, of Messrs. Woolsey, Brown, Cosper, the Georges, Culbertson and others and much of it rolled or was burnt where the land had not been cleared and new growth of timber has arisen to hid the desolation, but the pathway of this great storm is quite familiar to many and was plainly visible on the road from Auburn to Spencerville for many years.

AUBURN, 1843

There has been severe weather experienced during some of our late winters and the mercury fell far below zero time and again in that of ; 84 and 5, but none will compare in rigor and duration with that of '42 and '43.

Rev. S. B. Ward wrote of that season as follows:

"The fall had been fine; about the first of November, a light snow fell, but mostly went off soon after. On the 17th, of the month, it set in cold, with high winds and some snow.

The snow continued to increase from time to time, until it was nearly two feet deep on the level, with occasional showers and hard freezes, so that it was almost impossible to get about.

It snowed a little every day, but one, through February. March came in with almost the severity of a polar winter.

The settlers had raised but little to live on during the previous season and by this time most of the hay and grain had been consumed and hogs and cattle were daily dying, all over the county from starvation.

Some settlers lost all their hogs and most of their cattle before feed came in the spring, very many had to depend on the browse off of the tree tops as feed for their cattle, for the last two months of cold weather. For the last few days of March, however, even this provision of nature was cut off.

When all were anxiously looking for the opening of spring, heartsick in view of the sufferings of their poor dumb animals, the sleeper, is his lone cabin in the midst of the forest, was awakened, on the night of March 27, by the continual crashing of the tree-tops which did not cease until day dawned, when to the dis-spirited emigrant, was revealed the cause of all the commotion of the night.

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AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of Its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens

(Re: Auburn Courier – 29 Jan 1891)

1843

It had been raining, freezing as it fell, until the tree-tops were broken under their load of ice. That day and for several days it seemed that the cattle must all die; for when the trees were cut down for browse, the small twigs, incased in a hard coat of ice, would break off, with the ice adhering and mingle with the snow. Besides this, the crust on the snow was so thick and hard that the cattle could hardly get about.

The wild animals also suffered almost as much as the domestic ones. It was nothing unusual to see squirrels so reduced as to be easily caught by hand.

Squire Cosper while out hunting for bee trees came upon the partially eaten carcasses of nine deer. John Cobler discovered eighteen wild turkeys lying frozen under one roost and smaller game were destroyed in great numbers.

Some settlers lost all their hogs and two men, Mr. Rickett and James Hite lost one hundred each.

The end at last came and that week sent the snow, in another form to Lake Erie, and is a few weeks, herbage began to appear and hope sprang up again in the settler's heart.

Meanwhile the village of Auburn, remained in the woods, although lots changed ownership, people went and came and now and then one came to stay. There was little as yet to attract other than the speculator.

The county officials made here a temporary home and occasionally a log hut or frame building, for dwelling or business, was erected. In the fall of 1843, the public square was partially logged but not burnt off and the main street was encumbered with logs from the office put up for the auditor to Ingman's later "Long's Hotel" now, the office and residence of doctors D. and V. Swarts, and all west of this was woods up to lot No. 72, once the business stand of Stiefel & Wolf, later known as "Grangers' Hall."

Long's Hotel is the building on Sixth and Cedar streets.

Woods intervening shut off the view from the houses and firewood was close at hand.

Early in the spring the contract was let for the building of a school house. It was built by Messers Beck and McCrum, residents of Richland township and stood just west of the Stiefel & Wolf store.

Shortly after the school house was put up, the term of court was held and the room was arranged for judicial use. "A rough platform of boards was erected at the end for a judgment seat, a fence of unplaned boards was fixed across for a bar, and to warm the house and old, cracked stove was setup. Here on May 1st, court convened. Ariel Walden and Nelson Payne, Esquire, associate judges were present the first day. S. W. Sprott, clerk, and J. Puffenbarger, sheriff. Samuel Henderson was bailiff, James W. Borden was judge president.

The October term was also held here and the docket was not lengthy. People had gone to law for slander, larceny and malicious trespass. This last was most numerous besides these there were instances of divorce, perjury and assault. Some of our townspeople served on the jury that term and can verify Judge Mott's statement that the old stove made such eloquent pleas, whenever a fresh supply of fuel was put in, as to move the whole court and bar to tears, not excepting even the hard hearted lawyers, with eyes "unused to weep." On such occasions to give vent to the deep emotions of the court (or the smoke) the door of the house had to be opened.

E. B. Mott was the school teacher in this building during the winter of '43 and '44. The size of his school, the studies pursued, the discipline enforced, the names of the pupils are unknown and who the other teachers were is not remembered.

(To be continued next week)

AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens

(Re: Auburn Courier – 5 Feb 1891)

1843

We have given an outline of the plan for the court house. This plan had been drawn by John Coburn whose theories of architecture in this case were impracticable and required reconstruction. The board of commissioners recorded the amended plan and advertised for contractors. The town lots owned by the county were appraised and it was understood that the builder was to be paid in these lots or money derived

from their sale. Three bids were received. One by James R. Cosper for $1400, which was a fair price for the labor and structure required. One by James Hite for $800, and one by Samuel Haines for $400.

This last seems to have been ignored for Mr. Hite got the contract and went resolutely to work to carry it to completion. He found he had taken it far too low and after selling some of the lots deeded to him and sinking the value of a section of land he had owned, he gave up to proceed farther.

The frame was up by fall but the building was not enclosed and upon a join agreement, the commissioners settled with Mr. Hite by his giving his note for $16.93 and they receiving the building as it was, together with all lumber, material, lots and money in hand of the county agent not otherwise contracted for. Various parties worked upon the building. It was painted by Mr. Parsons and on April 29, '44 the court held its first session therein.

The commissioners in 1843 were Daniel Moody, Warner Spooner and John Helwig; A. Hague was clerk of the board and J. Puffenberger, the sheriff.

There were still some roads to open and the course of others to be changed and the highways were mere wagon tracks. The board ordered that the road revenue should be laid out to the best advantage and supervisors on receipt of their proportion of said fund were required to advertise the let jobs on public highways to the lowest bidder.

An addition to the county jail was erected by Samuel W. Ralston for which he was paid on it completion $175 in court orders.

Wm. R. Robinson was engaged to cut down the timber contiguous to the jail which the grand jury declared "insufficient" on making their official visit.

The board of commissioners upon general complaint of the citizens of the county in relation to the receipt of state scrip for all county and road dues and also, for school purposes and seminary fund, after mature deliberation in the premises and believing said board ought to be the conservators of the credit and public weal of said county did order and direct the county treasurer, school commissioner and seminary trustees to refuse and not receive state scrip for county and road dues or for school purpose and seminary fund.

An examination of the treasury showed that there was on hand as follows: State scrip $5.40, road receipt, $3.50, in county orders, $8.65, paper money $171.00, checks $225.40 and specie $272.69.

These terms scrip, paper money and specie will recall to the middle aged of the community, a period of great financial depression.

The young men of to-day familiar with treasury notes, national currency, gold and silver certificates and specie know little of the annoyances and losses of that ever fluctuating and frequently failing paper money.

Changing in value daily, the bank note reporter fixed the value of you money, and bills in one locality, would not pass in some other.

The order to refuse scrip was unsuccessful for the fall statement showed over $600 of it in the treasury. I wish some one would tell us what "state scrip" was. In contrast with our present poor farm, home and superintendent with good care of the poor we learn of the plan of farming out the indigent.

Theophilus Ketchen, a pauper at public vendue was bid in for $32.50 for six months keeping.

The health of Auburn did not improve and chills and fever prevailed to a distressing degree. Judge E. Mott stated that "In the early history of Auburn there was scarce a man but that at some period, was under the necessity of plying the mop, handling the skillet, or bending over the washtub, and the owing to the above cause and to the fact that female help was not to be had, he himself had been compelled, for two weeks at a time, to perform all kinds of household and kitchen services."

AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens

(Re: Auburn Courier – 12 Feb 1891)

1844

A tide of settlers with families, young men of enterprise in search of occupation and speculators looking for lots and land to buy drifted westward through Indiana to Illinois, through Michigan to Wisconsin and beyond there to Iowa.

In this year of migration, New York and Ohio lost a valuable portion of their population which singly and in colonies laid the foundation for future towns and cities and gave to them the names of the places whence they had come.

Fairfield township was this year organized although it is said that there were at the time but half a dozen voters within its boundaries.

The chaos of forest had been broken by spots of clearings, surveyed roads so named by courtesy but often almost impassable, had emphasized or taken the place of Indian tribes. The pirogue floated up and down the St. Joe river and they ferry boat was the only means of crossing.

Gradually the enterprise of settlers was manifest in taking such action as in their opinions was though advisable for their present welfare and such as the needs of the future would inevitably require. While they worked hard to clear their farms and build for themselves comfortable though humble homes, they did not forget to make provision for educating their children and for enjoying the comforts of religion, but selecting sites for, and erecting the school house and the church.

On March 30, citizens of school district No. 1, Concord township met at the school house of Orange town and selected town lots No. 6 and 7, for a site to proposed church to be used for school purposes when not occupied for public worship.

About the same time a meeting was held at Cole's school house for the election of trustees for a Methodist Episcopal church. At this meeting Rev. Isaac G. Clark presided and Wm. R. McAnally acted as clerk. McAnally, Peter Rodenbaugh, James Cole, William Day and Stephen H. Clark were chosen trustees to receive a deed for a church site and on which a meeting house was to be built by subscriptions.

These instances taken at random from measures of this kind serve to illustrate the facility with which the settlers in pure democratic style supplied their own and the public want of school, church, burying ground and other necessary improvements.

The necessities of the times compelled settlers to avail themselves of the proffer of money help to pay for

expenses incurred in land purchase and improvement. In this connection, the mortgage on farms had that beginning which has spread through all succeeding years till it rests as an incubus upon hundred of farms in the county.

To those who remember Alonzo Lockwood as the wealthiest citizen and largest land owner in the county at the time of his death, it will be of interest to read that on Oct. 28, 1844, he gave a mortgage of eighty acres located on the east half of the southwest quarter of section eighteen, township 33, range 13 east, or Jackson township, to secure the payment of a loan of $50 with seven per cent annual interest. From such small beginning did that rugged, resolute man build up the fortune bequeathed to this descendants, during half a century of persistent, self-denying effort.

The first writing in record book "A" in the office of the county recorder was done by John F. Coburn as recorder, Sept. 6, 1837. On the first page of this plain, cheap book appears the copy of the bond of Mr. Coburn with Benjamin Alton, Samuel Headley and John Clemmer as sureties in the sum of $2500, for faithful discharge of duties and obligations as count clerk. This bond was approved by A. Walden and T. Yates.

Seven years later, on Aug. 5, ’44, Samuel W. Sprott gave bond in the sum of $10,000, or four times the amount of Coburn’s bond for the same office with A. D. Goetschius, John Blair, Wm. C. Roberts, G. S. Walden and R. J. Dawson on his bond. These items indicate growth of business in the office and so represent progress of settlement of the county. "Major" Sprott, as he was called, was a prominent figure at the county seat in those days and it is said that he was on emergency called to perform work in most of the county offices. Mr. A. D. Goetschius, recently returned from the west where he has lived some years, is the sole survivor, principal and surety, of all those mentioned. The old gentleman at one time county commissioner is one of the few to whom pioneer scenes and incidents were once so habitually familiar.

AUBURN AND VICINITY

Some Reminiscences of its Early Days and Pioneer Citizens

(Re: Auburn Courier – 26 Feb 1891)

1844

There were few sales of lots in the village of Auburn during the year and these were at merely nominal prices.

On Dec. 18, 1843, the county agent for $20, had sold to S. W. Ralston lots No. 134, 175, 133, 176, and 209.

Aug. 9, Mr. Coburn for $170, conveyed to S. W. Sprott, nine lots. For $35 Mr. Ralston sold lots 113 and 120 to Clinton Seely, James Boyle for $60, sold lots 55 and 56 to Levi A. Rice and for $80, J. B. Horn, sold J. C. George lots 97 and 98. Thus but four sales as a matter of record were made within the year.

A this time the actual number of known lot owners in the village was seventy, and twenty-two lots were held by unknown owners which expression seems paradoxical for if sold, record of deed should determine ownership.

The party who had the largest number of lots, probably wooded land marked only by surveyor’s states, was Isaac Spencer whose addition constituted the west part of the village. His holding numbered 104 lots

valued by assessor for taxation at $558. Chester Alvord was the next heaviest lot owner, he having to his name 55 lots valued at $753 on which he paid a tax of $8.36. Wesley Park came third with 25 lots, S. W. Sprott with 24, Robson L. Brown with 12, O. A. Parson with 10, Dr. J. H. Roe with 9, J. Puffenbarger 7 and Solomon Ensley, Phineas Fay, Henry Fisher and Aaron Hague with four to six each. Daniel Comstock had improvements valued at $100 on lots 87 and 88 together assessed $50, while Thomas I Freeman's success in business is attested by the ownership of lots 89, 100 and 144 valued at $120, while his improvements were assessed at $1460 and personal $355, his total of $1935, paying a tax of $20,08 marked him as the wealthiest man in the little straggling village.

Wm. P. Means assessed the property of the county for which he drew warrants on the treasury for $26.14. The state levy was 20 cents and the county levy 50 cents on the $100. The auditor, Aaron Hague upon his duplicate, on the line to the right of each description of property place under its proper heading, the amount of each several tax, state, county, township and road and then the total.

The present custom is to extend as one sum the valuation real and personal of each taxpayer, on this compute as a total tax, the sum of general taxes. From this the road tax on division as subtracted the remainder is divided by two. To one half the road tax in full is added as first installment, the other half constitutes the second installment.

In the old method in vogue in 1844, the word, "paid" was the guide to ascertaining the collections, which already determined when equally footed, was compared with the total footing as proof of accuracy and required to apportionment as at present.

For the benefit of the treasurer a printed tabulated list of treasury notes, their dates of issue and amounts together with the interest accrued was prepared. The list was limited and the first in order was date April 20, 1840, denomination $50, interest accumulated $13.58.

Would some one informed on this subject make known the character of these "treasury notes" then expected to be paid into the county treasury for the revenue of 1844, by whom and for what purpose issued?

A custom more recently originating with a county treasurer and of necessity followed by his successor's in office, of extending legal limit of date of receiving taxes and after due notice visiting the leading towns of the count, one day at each place to accommodate tax payers and resent delinquencies, had its precedent in 1844 when Wesley Park after public notice commenced Sept. 15, at the township of Butler and passing one day in each township at the place where elections were held received taxes till the end of the month, after this he attended only at this office from Oct. 1 to Jan. 1, 1845, to taking in taxes. The early method was an incentive to promptness, the latter a premium on delay.

The very heavy list of land sold for delinquent taxes on Jan. 1, '45 is an unmistakable indication of the poverty of the earl settlers. Not less than 150 descriptions were offered for sale, besides many village lots.

The firm of March, Dawson & S. B. Smith were purchasers to some extent and for many years, the sale of real estate, has been a source of very profitable investment for moneyed men in the county and an abstract of title shows many a lot to have been acquired in that way. The period to redeem having expired, the property passed by a tax deed to the purchased by tax payments.

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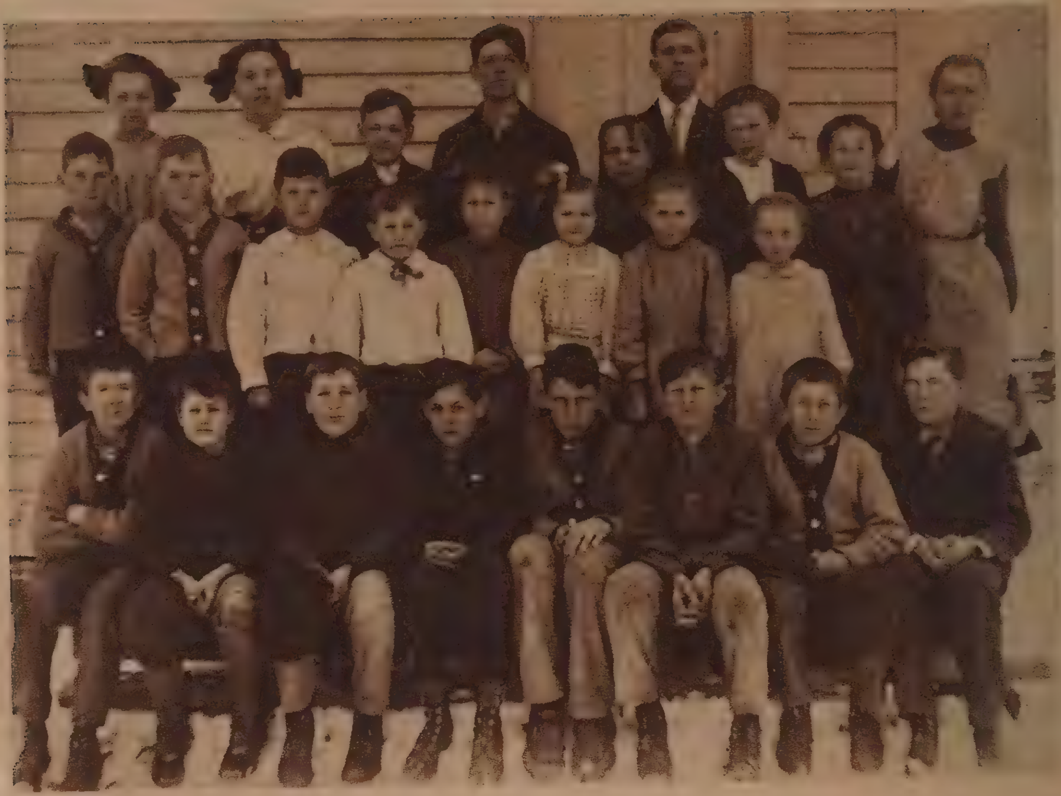
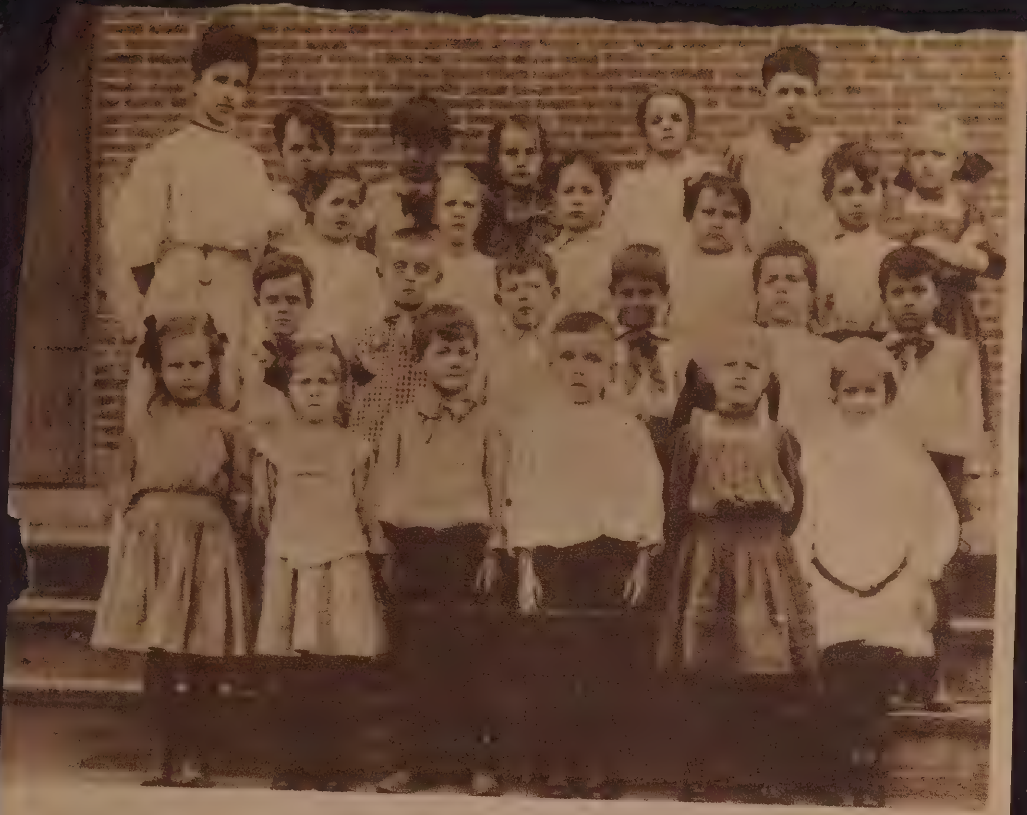
AUBURN AND VICINITY



Sylvester Reinig, 10036 Auburn Road, loans this photo of the Dekalb County District 10 school which was taken in 1910. On the front row, left to right, are: Freddie Gfeller, Carl Schortgen, Joseph Hohl, Herman J. Miller, Frank Shoudel, Joe Zebrouitz, Matthias Gfeller, Nicholas Miller. Middle row—Clem Miller, Raymond Miller, Clarence Gfeller, Sylvester Reinig, Loretta Schortgen, Helen Reinig, Mary and Cecelia Gfeller. Top row — Katie and Louise Dopp, Walter Reinig, Albert Dopp, Herman Miller, Clyde L. Betz, teacher; Cora Wetocky, Lauretta and Dora Gfeller.



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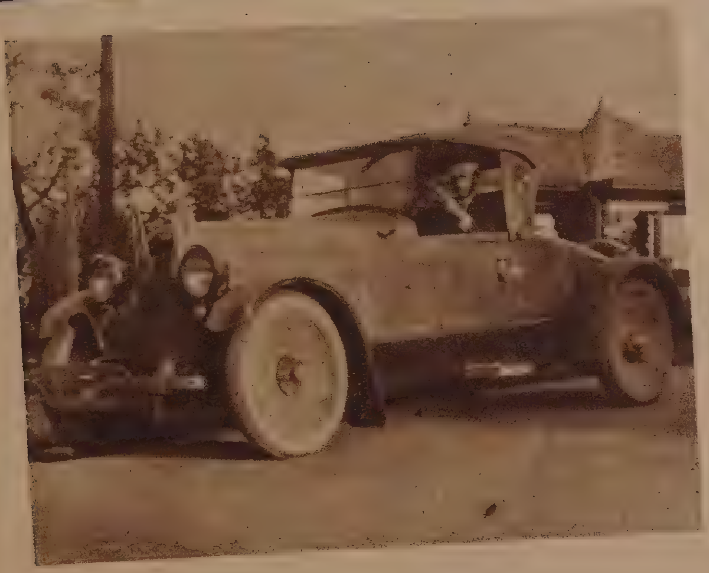

This 1922 Davis car owned by Asa Bellinger, Sr., is shown in a photo belonging to Arlene Wells, R.R. 1, Orland.

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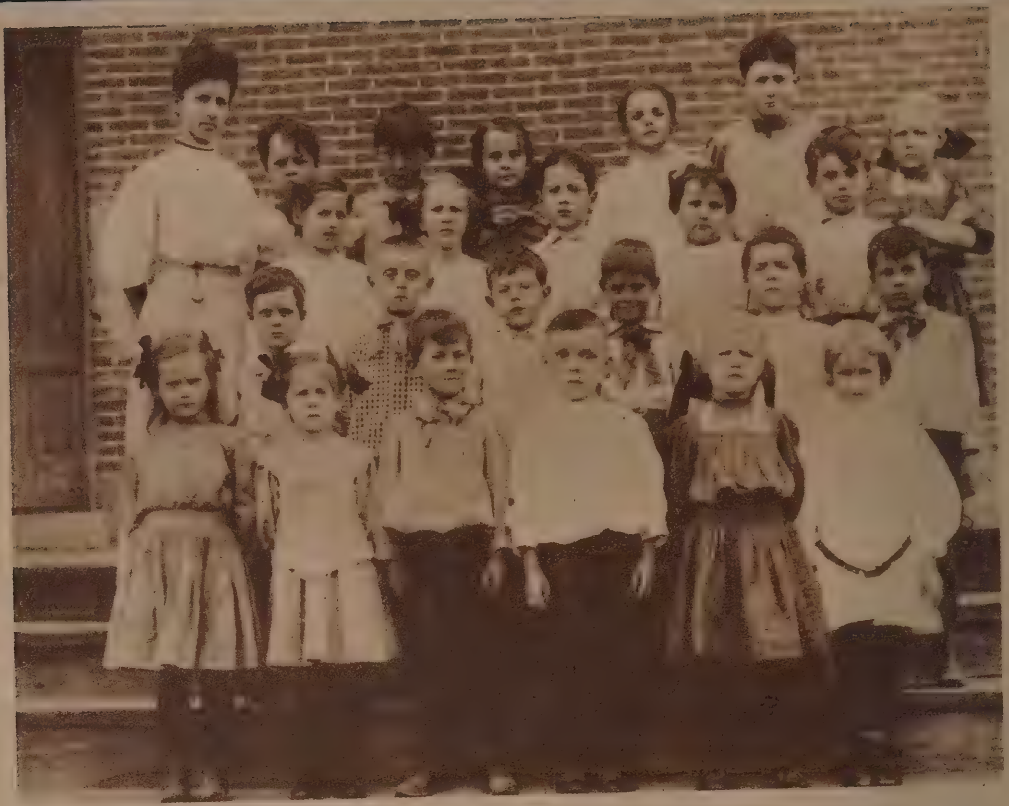

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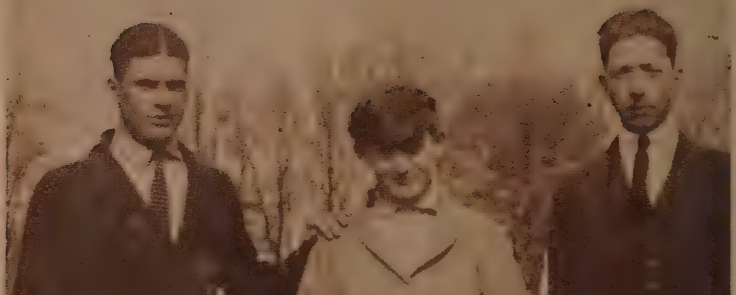

Mrs. Juanita Pfeiffer, 2817 South Clinton St., loaned this photo to ROTO. It was taken in Harlan High School in 1921 and shows Kenneth Amstutz, Victor Lengacker and Glenn Lake.

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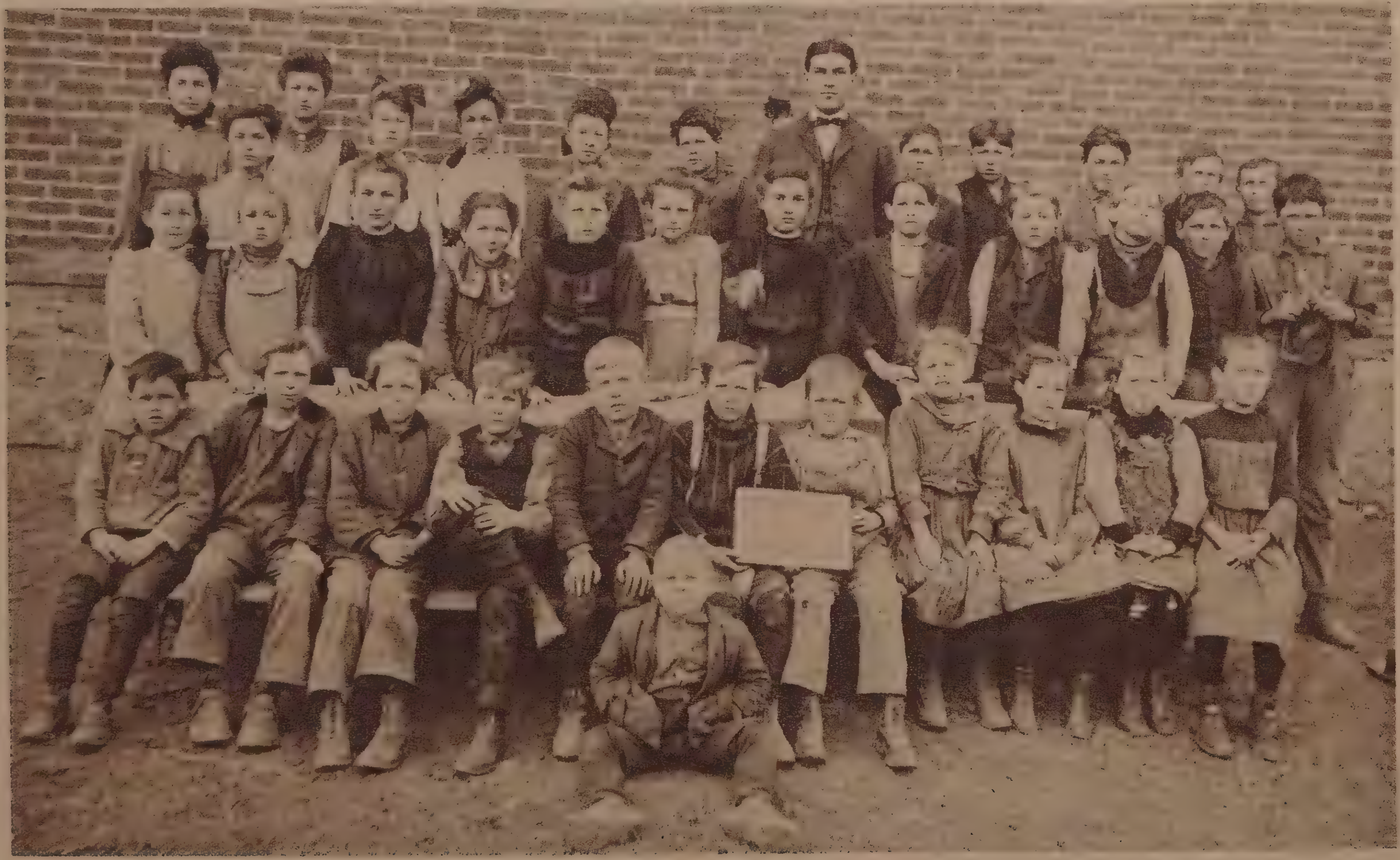
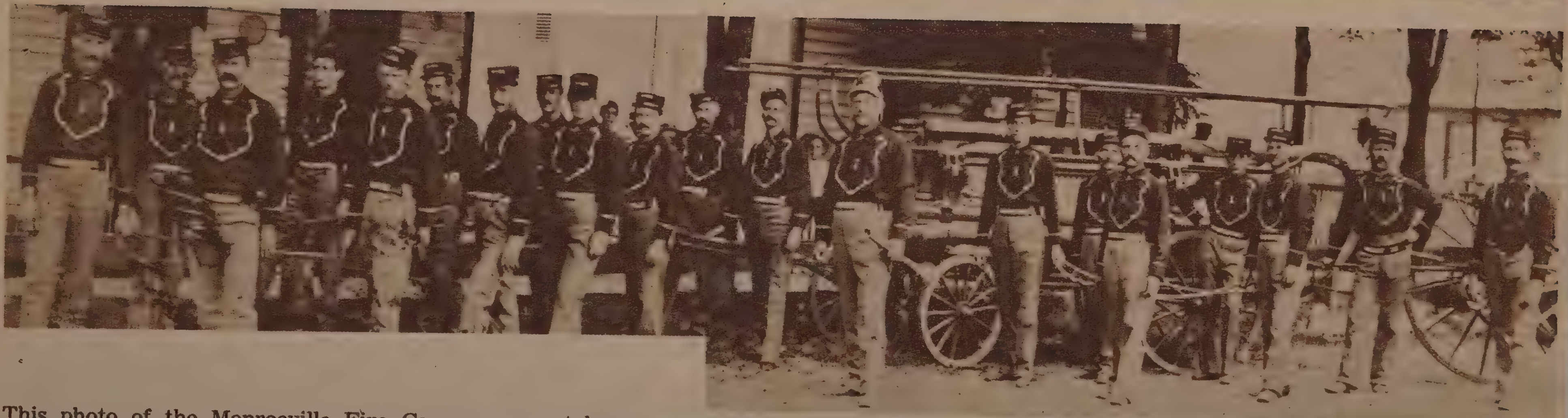


This 1907 photo of the Summit School in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, was loaned by Mrs. James Conrad, Waterloo, R.R. 1. In the picture are: Front — Arthur Conrad; first row — Richard Gramling, Harley Krum, Jessie Elliot, Earl Mortorff, Hugh Duncan, — Knight, Anice Conrad, Wilma Shore, Mabel Greer and, Cora Gramling; second row— Anna Mae Shore, Dessie Knight, Mary Richter, Blanch Elliot, Hazel Heckathorne, Mae Krum, Anna Richter, Blane Gramling, Dale Mortorff, Pearl Duncan, James Conrad, Arthur Knight; third row — Blen Conrad, Inez Parks, Mina Mortorff, Pearl Greer. Celia Markley, Dorothy Updyke. Carl Gramling, Teacher Walter Russel, Walter Elliott, Paul Heckathorne, John Parks, Joe Richter and John Conrad.



This photo of the Monroeville Fire Company was taken on May 27, 1895. It was loaned by Maurice O'Shaughnessy, R.R. 6, Fort Wayne, whose grandfather was later chief. Left to right are Mike O'Shaughnessy, Bill Mentzer, Scott Marquart, Jim Savid, Bill Draper, Henry Krohn, Seymore Jones, Lee Pillars, Clark Montgomery, George Baker, Henry Ehling, Frank Savid, Ed Dencel, then chief; Bill Sweany, John Guillott, Louis Savid, Louis Guillott, Philip Meese, Jack Sprague and Henry Thompson.

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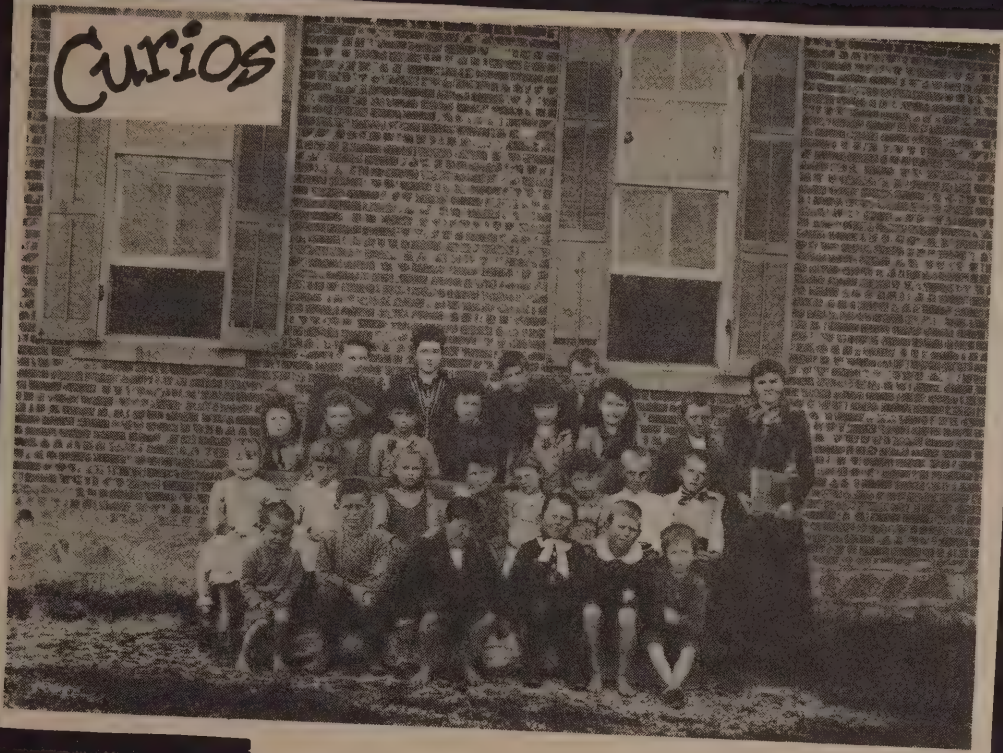
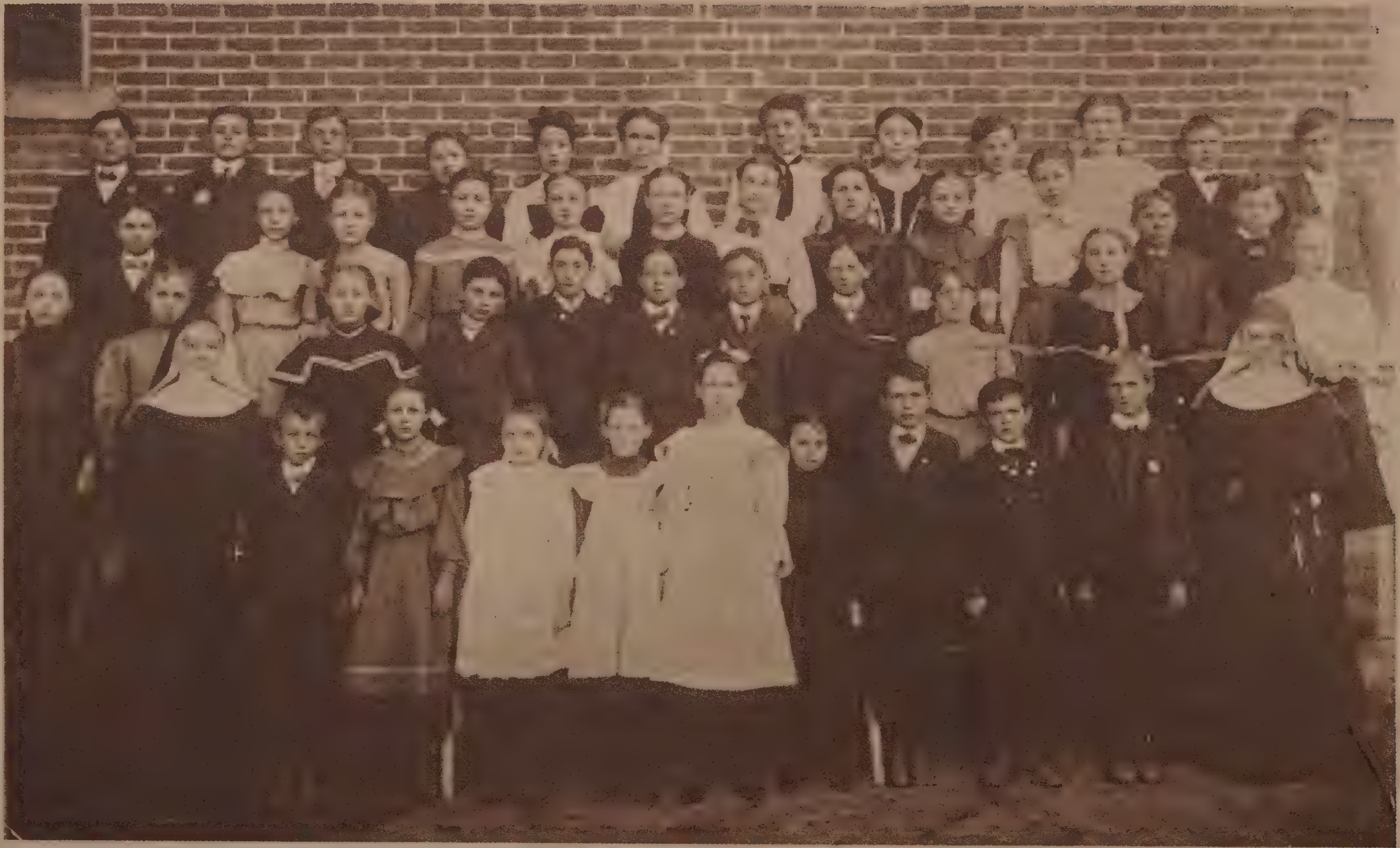


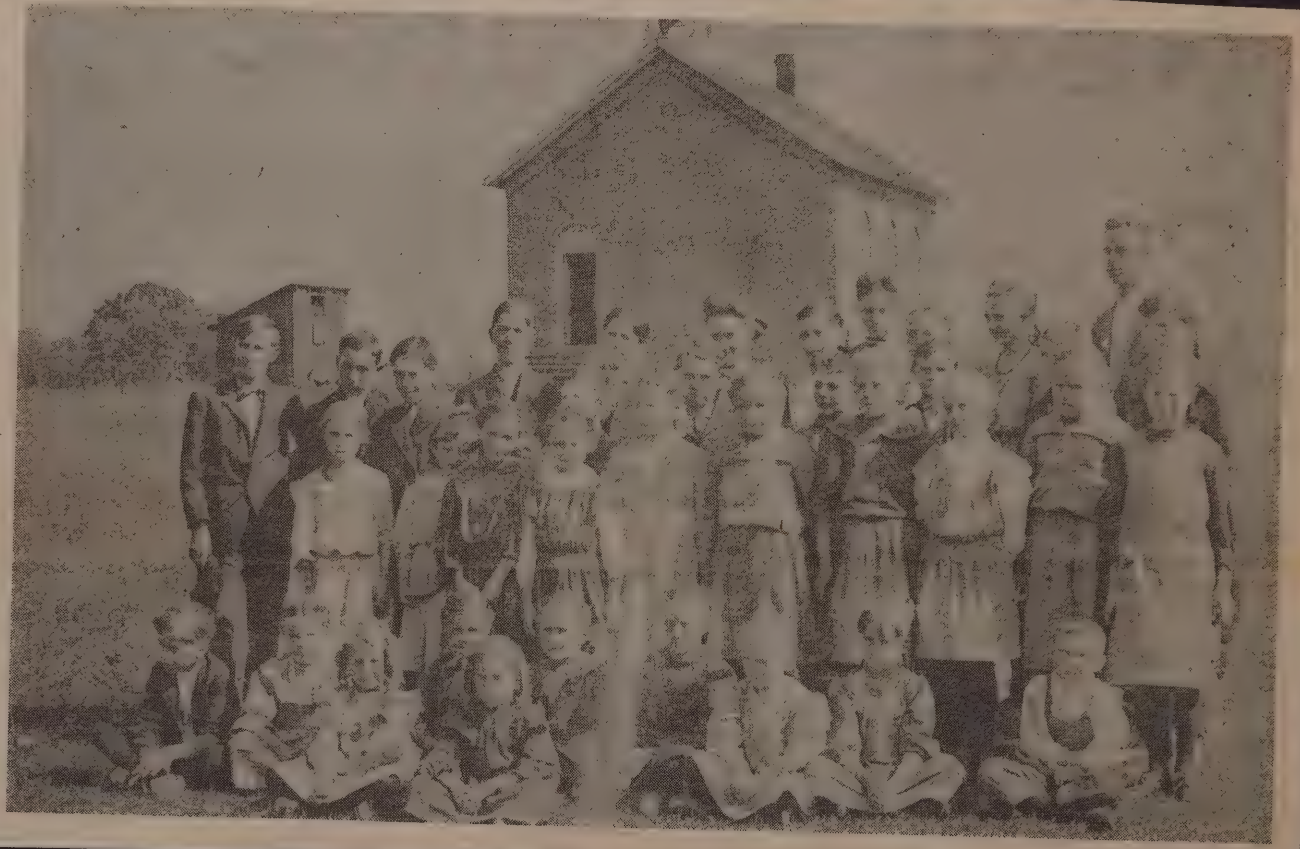
The Huckleberry School Distict No. 6 in Green Township, Noble County, was photographed around 1896. Against the wall are, Phoebe Russell, Eliza Keller, Jim Leitch, and George McCoy. Row two, Maggie Owen, Dess Richards, Elsie Hackenberger, Rose Richards, Ellen Herendeen, Dell Shambaugh, Steve Balaski, and Kittie Gappinger, teacher. Row three, Luella Driblbis, Mary Speaker, Frances Busch, Daisy Hackenberger, Mandy Browns, Phoehe Owen, George Balaski, and Charles McCoy. Row four, Noah Leitch, John Leitch, Will Leitch, Leonard Banks, Fred Diffendaffer, and Isaac McCoy. The photo is supplied by T. C. Holcomb of Albion.



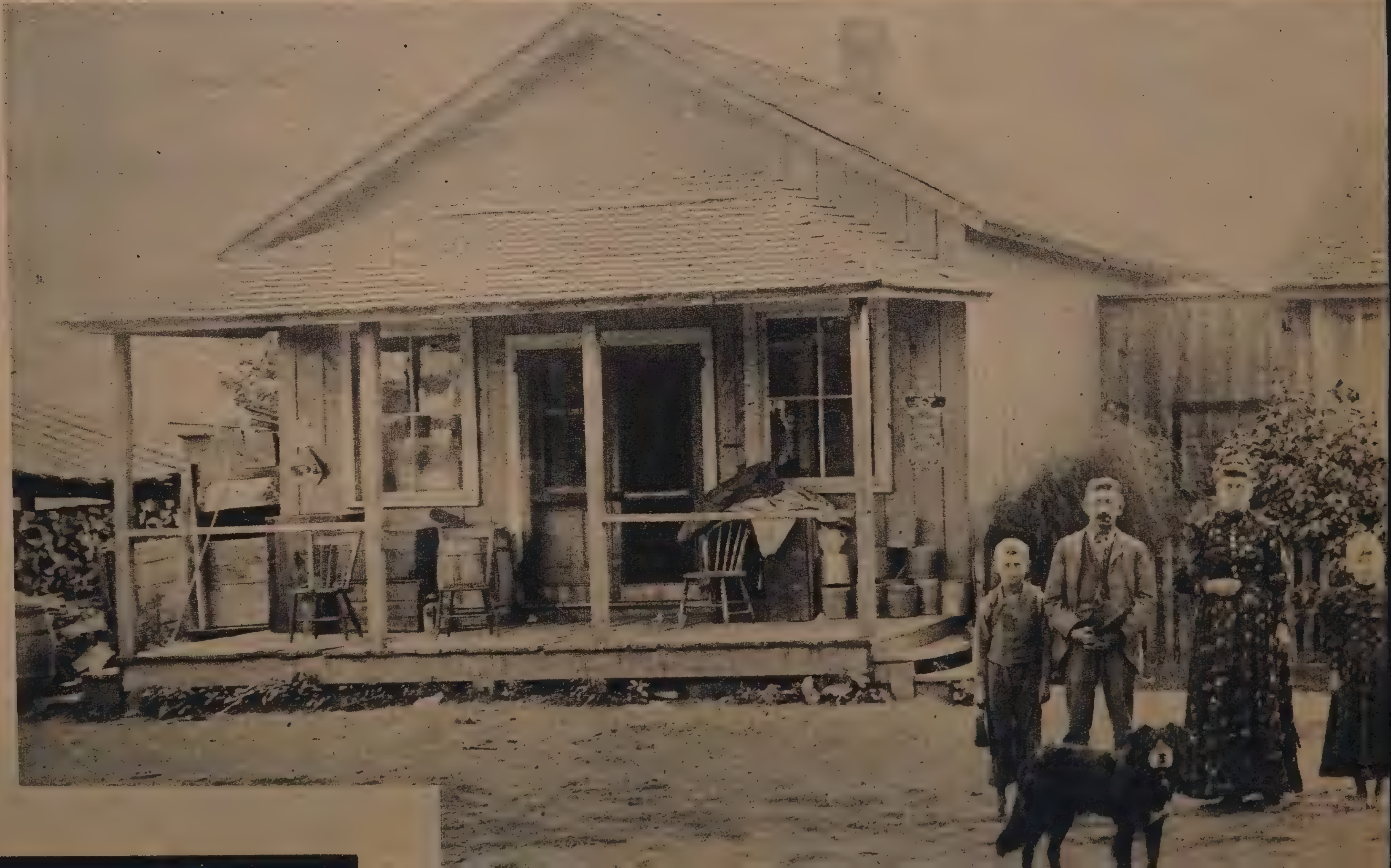
This picture taken of part of St. John's Catholic School in New Haven, taken about 1903 was sent in by Alfred E. Federspiel. First row top—R. Smith, F. Gabet, Isadore Ehinger, M. Thimlar, V. Gidley, L. Brown, A. Bueter (Sr. Jane Francis), M. Riley, L. Blaising (Pollitz), Regina Zurbuch (Sister Mary Jane), Clem Schnelker, Ignatius Dennis. Second row—M. France, Clara Federspiel (Welling). E. Brown (Nichter), S. Mack (Rose), H. Ashley (Carlson). C. Smith, M. Welling, L. Landin, C. Vodde, Edna Jacquay, Hugh Thimlar, Charles Clark. Third row—Edith Schnelker, A. Krock, L. Dennis, O. France, R. Waltrick, E. Gidley, E. Kuyoth, F. Kuyoth, A. Ashley, Cecilia Denzil, A. Krock. Fourth row—Sr. M. Clementine, C.S.A., Al Federspiel, Marie Federspiel (Dowling). Cecilia Zurbuch (Federspiel), L. Blaising, M. Gidley, Pat Smith, Joe Rich, Bill Dowling, Clair Federspiel, Sister M. Lyola, C.S.A.

Burr Oak's school, 1908

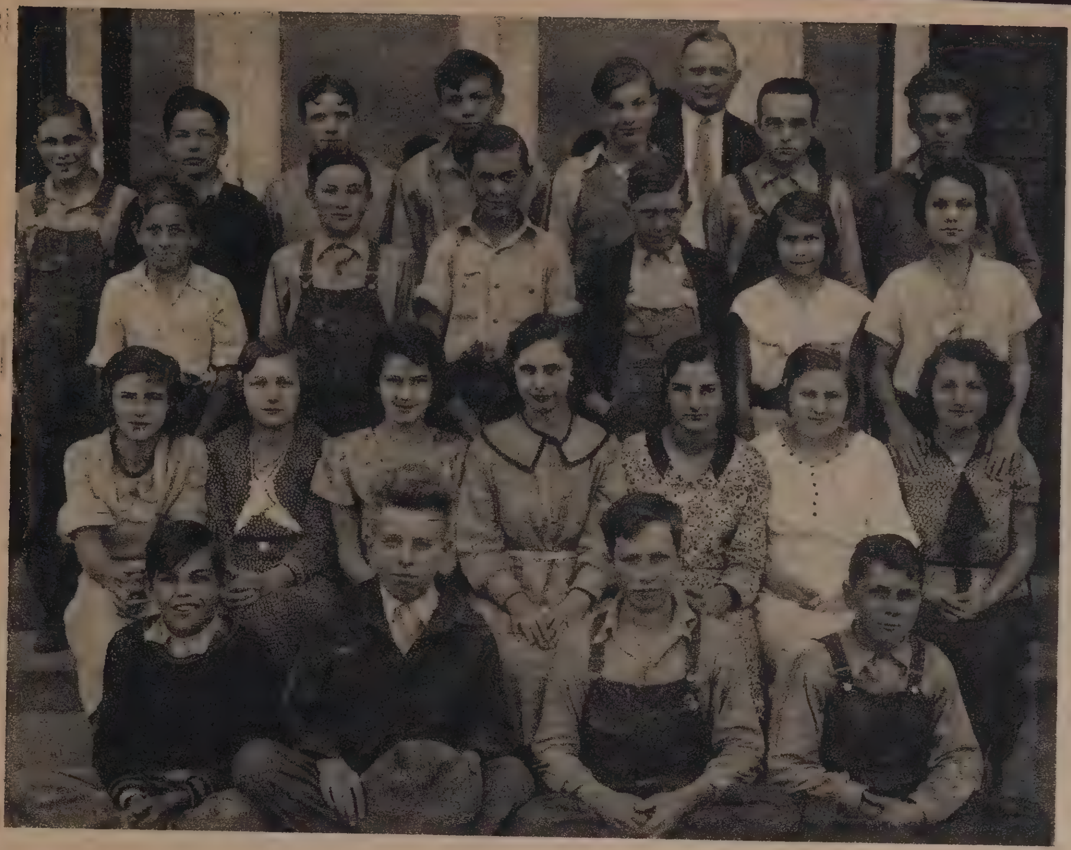
Pupils in the Burr Oak School, near Albion, posed for this photo in 1908. One teacher taught all eight grades in the seven months' term for a salary of from $280 to $300 a term, according to T. C. Holcomb, Albion. In the front row are: Willard Glass, Jessie Weber, Pearl Strouse, Fern Huntsman, Stella Strouse, Velma Strouse, Velma Weber, Jessie Holcomb, Susanna Busz and Harry Brackney. Second row: Reva Strouse, Ethel Budd, Marie Brackney, Alma Winebrenner, Mable Budd, Blanche Huntsman, Tillie Schultz, Fay Holcomb, Cleo Huntsman and Troas Pressler. Third row: George Reese, Virgil Snell, Frank Winebrenner, Clint Weber, William Ott and Rollie Weber Top row: Voil Manier, Cyril Fogel, Verlin Huntsman, Max Rapp, Alvin Baker, Beulah Huntsman, Edna Harlan, Verda Winebrenner, Addie Lindsey, Clara Ott and Clarence Zeigler, teacher.



This was grandpa's store

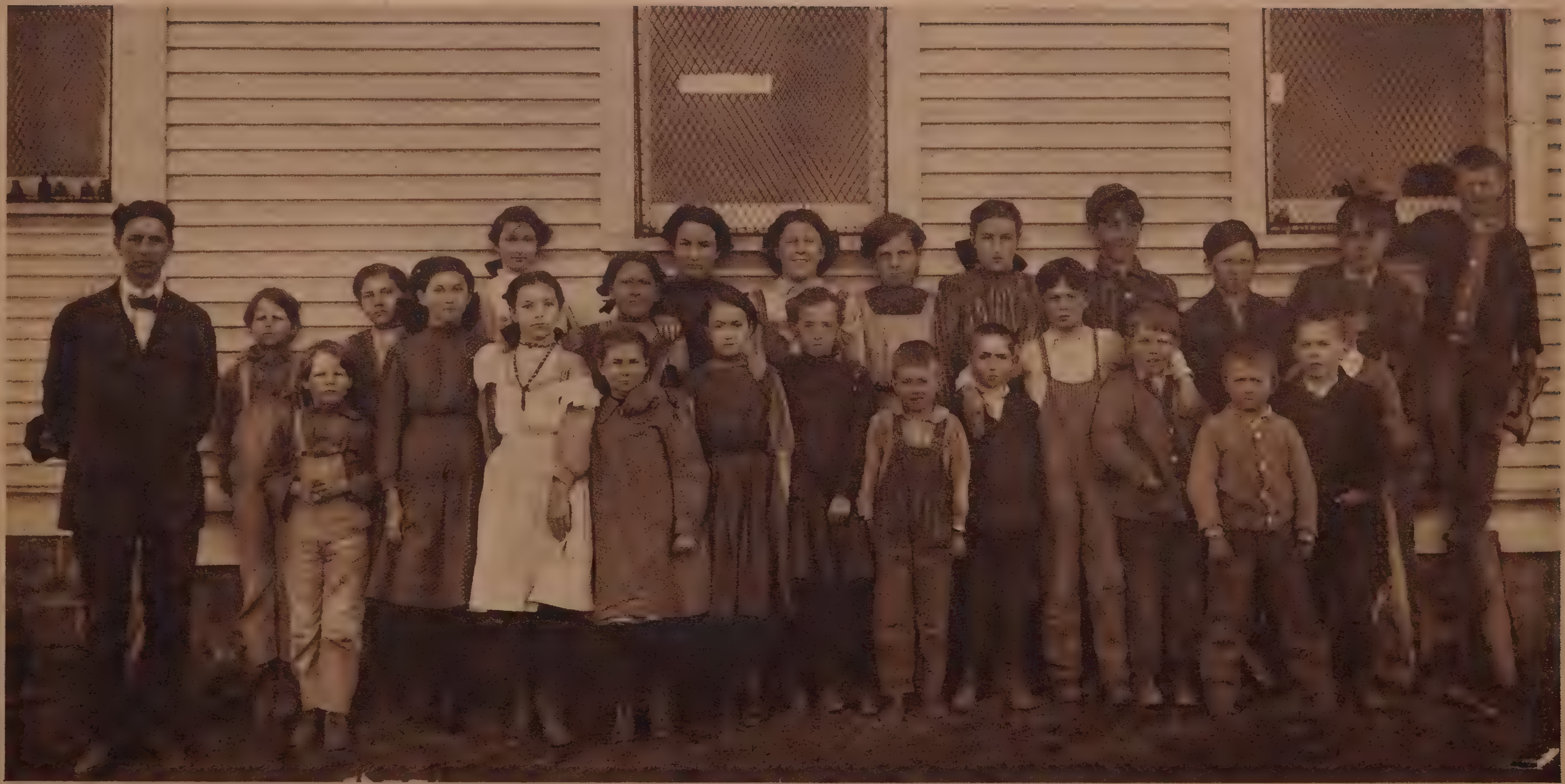


Mrs. C. A. Vendrely, 1716 Cody Ave., says this is a photo of the home and store of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Smith, shown here with their son, Schuyler, and daughter, Hattie. They lived at Hurshtown in northern Allen County just off State Road 1.



Noble County school

The seventh and eighth grades of North Elkhart School, near Wawaka, Noble County, is shown in the Fall of 1932. Back row — left to right, Albert Jacob, Paul Emmert, Elmer Ramer, Claud Mullett, Raymond McClellan, Thurlo Holcomb, teacher. Robert Waldron and Robert Gage. Second row — Paul Compton, Marion Minear, Kenneth Bailey, Robert Elijah, Verba Ramsey, La Vancha Hunter. Seated — Flossie Mae Bean, Helen Fought, Pauline Elijah, Edna Walters, Esther Mishler, Melease Rice, Helen Steinbarger. Front row — James Gage, Willis Tschabold, Waldo Miller and Raymond Greenwalt. The photo is supplied by T. C. Holcomb, Albion.



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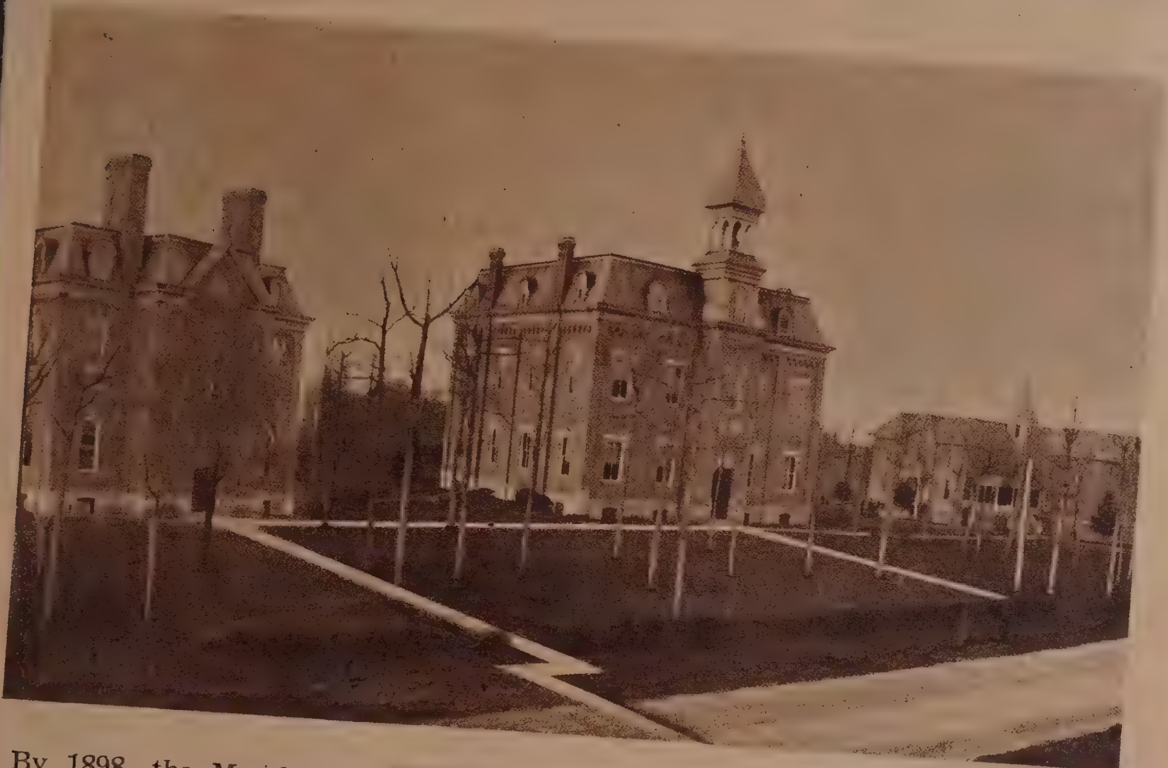

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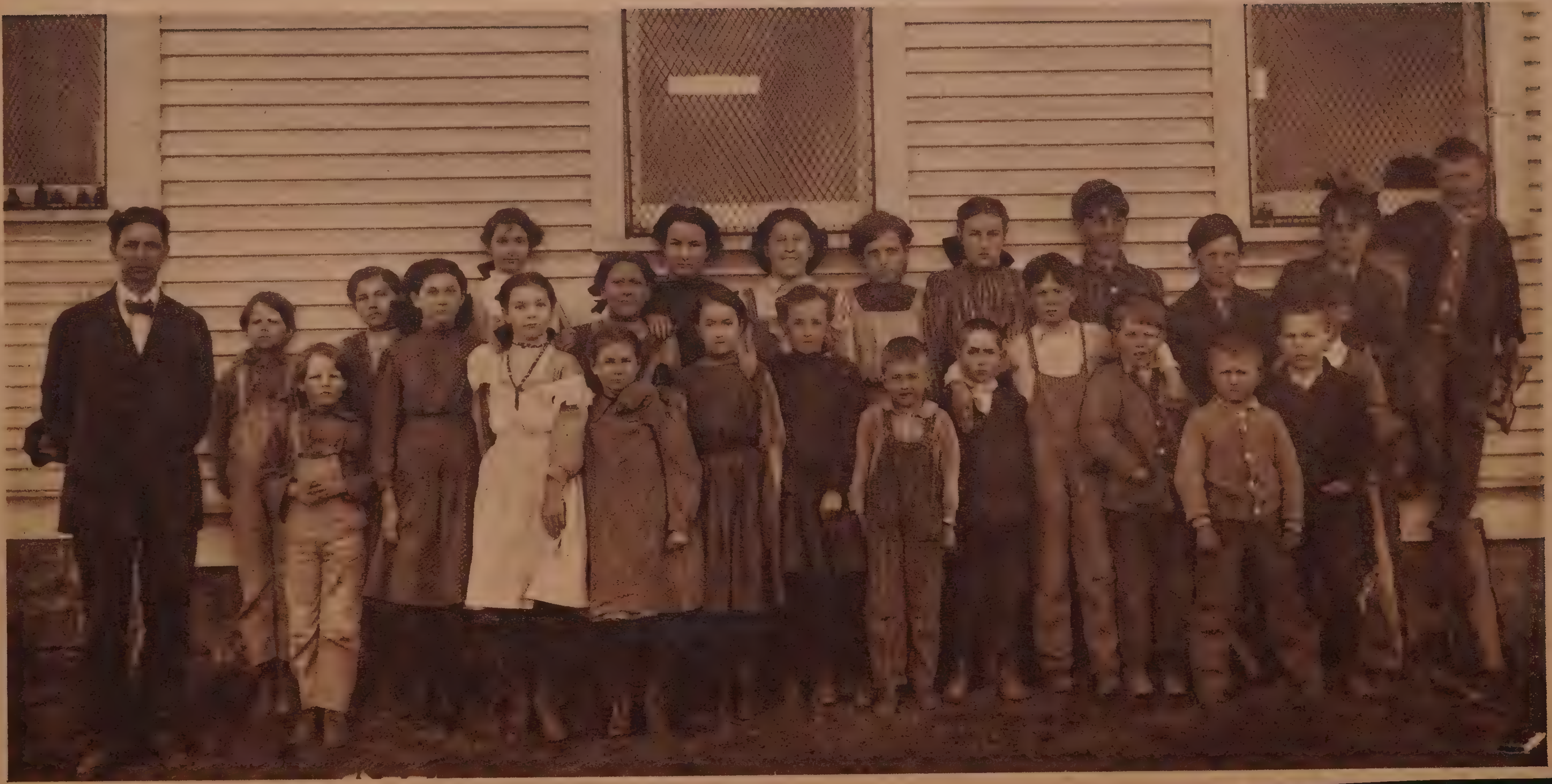

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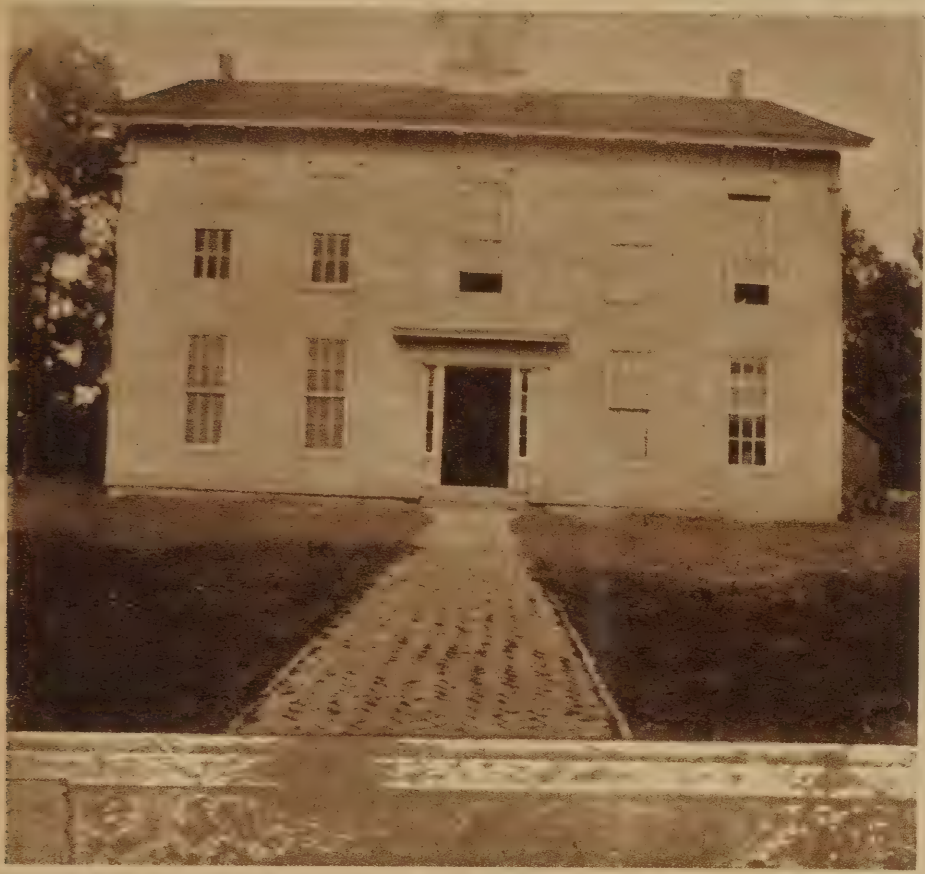

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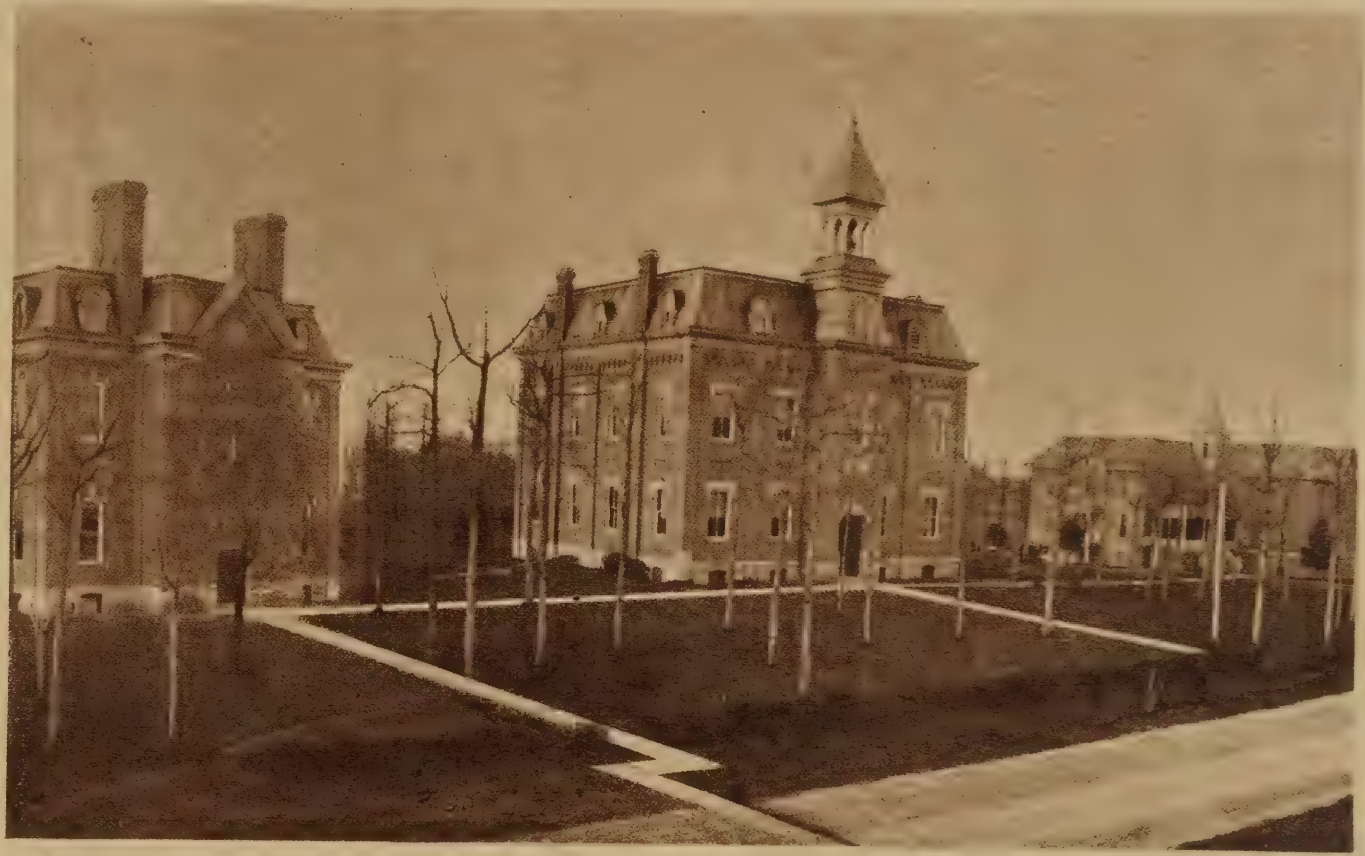

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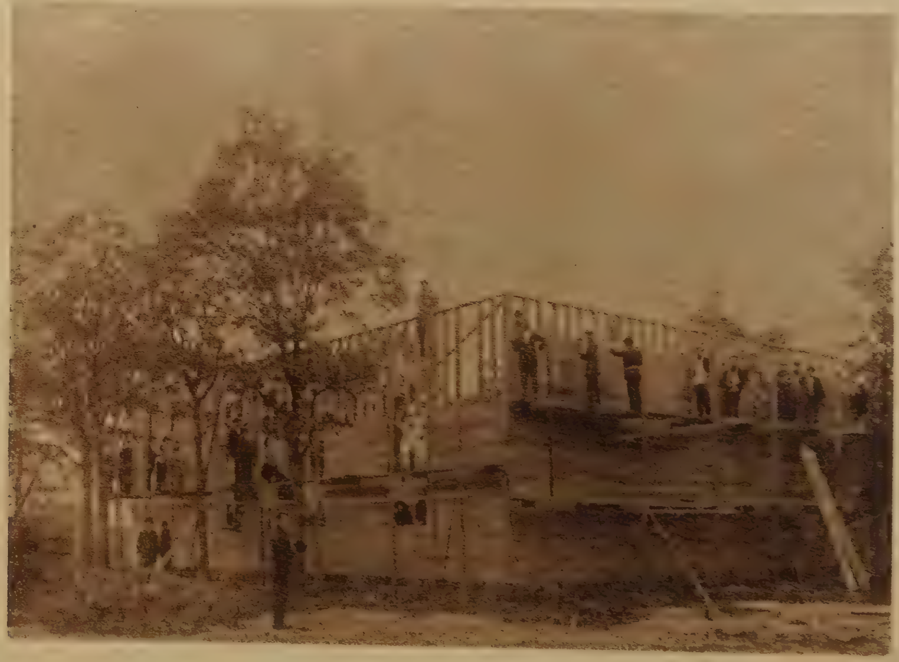

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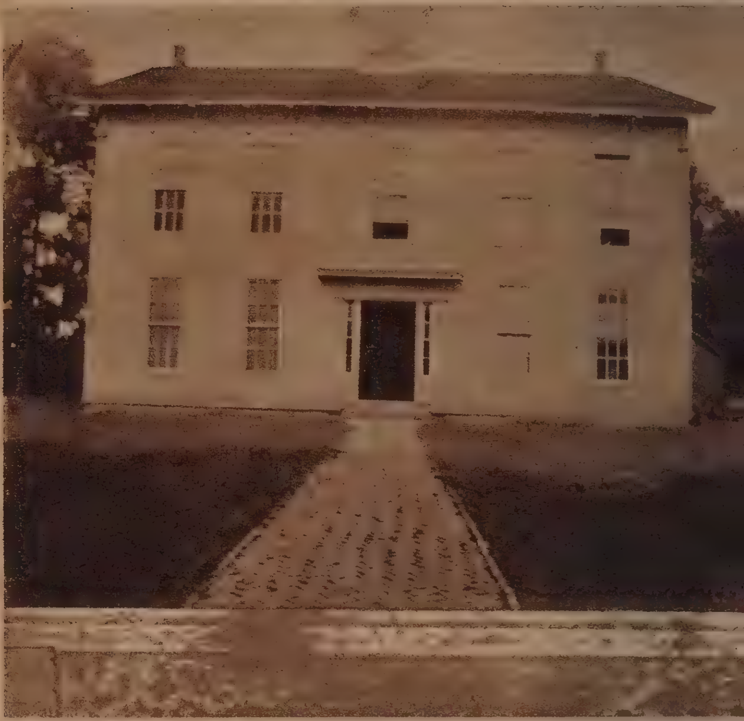

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Enumeration of School Children

1903

BUTLER TOWNSHIP:

PARENTS	CHILDREN	AGE	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	DIST #	MISC
Hathaway, Florence	Grace	17	May 1885	DeKalb Co	3	
	Austin	16	Sep 1886	Noble Co	3	
	Walter	13	Jul 1889	DeKalb Co	3	
* Hogue, Hannah	Dolphia	17	Jun 1885	DeKalb Co	3	
	Francis	10	Nov 1892	DeKalb Co	3	
Dudley, Serretta	Ethel	17	Apr 1886	Noble Co	3	
	Blanch	11	Apr 1891	Noble Co	3	
	Belle	8	Jul 1894	Noble Co	3	
Hurni, Margaret	Eliza Long	15	Sep 1887	DeKalb Co	3	
	David Long	13	Aug 1889	DeKalb Co	3	
	Elsie Long	12	Nov 1890	DeKalb Co	3	
	Carl Long	7	Jun 1896	DeKalb Co	3	
	Dola Long	15	Jan 1887	DeKalb Co	3	
	Anna Hurni	12	Oct 1890	DeKalb Co	3	
Guthrie, Emma	Mabel	6	Mar 1897	DeKalb Co	3	
Hawver, Corra	Glen	8	Apr 1895	DeKalb Co	3	
Hawver, Audra	Don	9	Jul 1893	DeKalb Co	3	

Hanson, Ann	Mertie	19	Dec 1883	Nebraska	3
Warner, Maggie	Arthur	18	Dec 1884	DeKalb Co	3
	Lulu	14	Oct 1888	DeKalb Co	3
	Claud	9	Jul 1893	DeKalb Co	3
	Willard	7	Feb 1896	DeKalb Co	3
Albright, Della	Edna	13	Jan 1890	DeKalb Co	3
	Henry	11	Dec 1891	DeKalb Co	3
	Raymond	19	Dec 1884	DeKalb Co	3
	Frank	7	Aug 1895	DeKalb Co	3
Steckley, Henry	Della	12	Nov 1890	DeKalb Co	3
Hawver, Samuel Jr.	Marie	12	Sep 1890	DeKalb Co	3
	Freda	7	May 1895	DeKalb Co	3
Smith, Lodemia	Maude	17	Jun 1885	DeKalb Co	3
Lung, John E.	Fred Austerman	18	Jun 1884	Allen Co	3
Myers, Lillie	Jennie Wolf	18	Jun 1884	Fulton Co	3
	Berthie Myers	6	Sep 1896	Fulton Co	3
Zern, Henry	Arthur	13	Oct 1889	DeKalb Co	3
	Estella	11	Sep 1891	DeKalb Co	3
	Fay	10	Oct 1892	DeKalb Co	3
	Verna	7	Nov 1895	DeKalb Co	3
Kenton, Eva	Estella	12	May 1890	DeKalb Co	3
	Mary	11	Aug 1891	DeKalb Co	3
	Della	10	Nov 1892	DeKalb Co	3
Fansler, Jacob	Frank	16	Mar 1887	DeKalb Co	3
Sollenberger, Maud	Don	7	Feb 1896	DeKalb Co	3
Sollenberger, Jacob	Even	12	Jan 1890	DeKalb Co	3
	Bernice	9	Sep 1893	Illinois	3
Smth, Ida	Grace	13	Jan 1890	DeKalb Co	3

x Gump, Amanda	Gerry	20	Dec 1882	DeKalb Co	3
	Perry	16	Mar 1887	DeKalb Co	3
	Artie	18	Mary 1885	DeKalb Co	3
	Dena	13	May 1889	DeKalb Co	3
	Effie	6	Aug 1896	DeKalb Co	3
Shenk, Uriah	Frank	13	Aug 1889	DeKalb Co	3
	Walter	6	Jun 1896	DeKalb Co	3
Swanders, John	William	16	May 1886	DeKalb Co	3
✓ Lung, Philip	Ezra	20	Dec 1882	DeKalb Co	3
Adams, Kate	Ethel	20	Dec 1882	Noble Co	1
	Elmer	18	Aug 1884	Noble Co	1
Hippenhammer, Ed	Lydia	15	Jan 1888	DeKalb Co	1
	Pauline	10	May 1892	DeKalb Co	1
Walter, Alie	Genivere	7	Aug 1895	DeKalb Co	1
	Grace	6	Feb 1897	DeKalb Co	1
x Fair, C. G.	Florence	9	Jan 1894	DeKalb Co	1
	Elsworth Timberlin	16	May 1887	DeKalb Co	1
	Mary Timberlin	10	May 1893	DeKalb Co	1
Miller, Isaac	Calvin	17	Oct 1885	Kosicusko	1
McCann, Daniel M.	Grace	15	Aug 1887	Ohio	1
	George	9	Apr 1894	Ohio	1
	Wilbur	7	Jun 1895	Ohio	1
Haynes, Ella	Ed	19	Jun 1883	DeKalb Co	1
	Fred	17	May 1885	DeKalb Co	1
	Ted	15	Sep 1887	DeKalb Co	1
	Celia	12	Aug 1890	DeKalb Co	1
	Jay	10	Jun 1892	DeKalb Co	1
	Ray	10	Jun 1892	DeKalb Co	1

Reed, John	Howard	19	Apr 1883	DeKalb Co	1	
	Franklin	18	Aug 1884	DeKalb Co	1	
	Alvin	16	Feb 1886	DeKalb Co	1	
	Earl	14	Nov 1880	DeKalb Co	1	
	Wallace	11	May 1891	DeKalb Co	1	
Kermery, Pheba	Laura	9	Jul 1893	DeKalb Co	1	
	Alice	7	Nov 1895	DeKalb Co	1	
Terry, D. W.	Ora	19	Dec 1883	DeKalb Co	1	
Kemery, James	Lydia	12	May 1890	DeKalb Co	1	
	Della	11	Sep 1891	DeKalb Co	1	
	William Knepper	11	Feb 1891	DeKalb Co	1	
	Herbert Knepper	6	May 1895	DeKalb Co	1	
Myers, Emma	Ethel	10	Jan 1892	DeKalb Co	1	
Housel, Hiram	Jaspher	15	Nov 1887	DeKalb Co	1	
	Walter	11	Dec 1891	DeKalb Co	1	
Ballentine, Nora	Arlow	11	Dec 1891	DeKalb Co	1	
	Fred	7	Oct 1895	DeKalb Co	1	
Hudson, Emery	Homer	18	Sep 1884	Ohio	1	Moved to Michigan
	Goldie	7	Jul 1895	Ohio	1	
Baber, Ada	Sherman	17	Jun 1885	DeKalb Co	1	
	Frank	7	May 1895	DeKalb Co	1	
Hoffman, M. L. H.	Ira C.	15	Feb 1888	DeKalb Co	1	
	Pearl	13	Oct 1890	DeKalb Co	1	
Fair, Royce	Lamont Houser	19	Feb 1883	DeKalb Co	1	
Feagler, William	Dottie	15	Sep 1887	DeKalb Co	1	
* Heitz, Laura + William?	Inez	15	Sep 1888	DeKalb Co	1	
	Burrel	12	Aug 1890	DeKalb Co	1	
	Lulu	9	Sep 1893	DeKalb Co	1	
Housel, Sadie	Ethis	8	Apr 1895	DeKalb Co	1	

	Hazel	6	Dec 1896	DeKalb Co	1	
Jarrett, Frank	Mary	10	Jul 1892	DeKalb Co	1	
	Charles Richard	7	Jul 1895	DeKalb Co	1	
	Roy Jerrett	6	May 1896	DeKalb Co	1	
Weygant, Sarah	Arden	11	May 1892	DeKalb Co	2	Moved
	Justice	8	Apr 1895	DeKalb Co	2	
Hess, Sarah	Ida	15	Oct 1887	Kansas	2	
	Carrie	13	Feb 1890	Kansas	2	
	Emma	10	Oct 1892	Kansas	2	
	Minnie	8	Sep 1894	Kansas	2	
Noel, Ella	Effie	19	Oct 1883	DeKalb Co	2	
	Thomas	13	Apr 1890	DeKalb Co	2	
	Gladius	10	Jan 1893	DeKalb Co	2	
Ensley, William	G. C.	19	Sep 1883	DeKalb Co	2	
	Floy	14	Oct 1888	DeKalb Co	2	
Heitz, Sabina	Arthur	12	Aug 1890	DeKalb Co	2	
	Walter	10	Aug 1892	DeKalb Co	2	
Burtzner, Rachel	Mamie	17	Jan 1885	DeKalb Co	2	
Lung, Jesse	Lola	20	Jul 1882	DeKalb Co	2	
	Benett	19	Jan 1885	DeKalb Co	2	
	Cecil	15	Apr 1888	DeKalb Co	2	
	Ephraim	9	Jun 1893	DeKalb Co	2	
Surface, Ella B.	Georgia	8	Jun 1894	DeKalb Co	2	
	Eva	6	Apr 1897	DeKalb Co	2	
Embrey, N. M.	Fern	13	Feb 1890	DeKalb Co	2	
	James Beeber	19	Mar 1884	Allen Co	2	
Carson, Mattie	Lola	19	Jul 1883	DeKalb Co	2	
	Clay	15	Sep 1887	DeKalb Co	2	

	Russele	10	Sep 1892	DeKalb Co	2
	Hazel	7	Jan 1896	DeKalb Co	2
Armstrong, Laura	Cora	6	Jul 1896	DeKalb Co	2
Lung, Ella	Alhe	16	Oct 1886	DeKalb Co	2
	Archie	15	Jan 1888	DeKalb Co	2
	Arlie	13	Aug 1889	DeKalb Co	2
	Frank	11	Sep 1891	DeKalb Co	2
Lung, Ora	Merritt	16	Aug 1886	DeKalb Co	2
	Forest	14	Apr 1889	DeKalb Co	2
Stonestreet, Ida	David	17	Feb 1886	DeKalb Co	2
	Will	15	Apr 1888	DeKalb Co	2
	Wilbur	15	Apr 1888	DeKalb Co	2
Shenk, Henry	Flora	17	Oct 1885	DeKalb Co	2
	Ray	16	Apr 1887	DeKalb Co	2
Haag, S. E.	Lloyd	10	Aug 1892	DeKalb Co	2
Weaver, Amanda	Harry	14	Mar 1889	DeKalb Co	2
Deviney, Frank	Charlie	7	Sep 1895	DeKalb Co	2
Miller, Lovina	Grover	16	Mar 1887	DeKalb Co	2
	Martin	14	Mar 1889	DeKalb Co	2
	Leroy	11	Oct 1891	DeKalb Co	2
Hixon, Sarah	Tula	16	Aug 1886	DeKalb Co	2
Heitz, Rebecca	Effie	15	Jan 1880	DeKalb Co	2
Jackson, W. W.	Allie	17	Nov 1885	DeKalb Co	4
Treesh, Ed	Ray	7	Oct 1895	DeKalb Co	4
Kelham, Joseph	Edward	18	Mar 1885	DeKalb Co	4
	Goldie	16	Aug 1886	DeKalb Co	4
Holbrook, Jennie	Blanch	15	Oct 1887	DeKalb Co	4
	Bertha	13	Jul 1889	DeKalb Co	4

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	Gladius	11	Apr 1891	DeKalb Co	4
	Lyman	9	Sep 1893	DeKalb Co	4
	Forest	7	Nov 1895	DeKalb Co	4
Simon, Hattie	Argile	7	Aug 1895	Allen Co	4
Simon, Addie M.	Eva B. Shafer	15	Dec 1887	Allen Co	4
Coil, Eva	Nathan	20	Aug 1882	Adams Co	4
	Archie	19	May 1884	Adams Co	4
	Rollie	15	Jul 1887	DeKalb Co	4
	Franklin	13	Jun 1889	DeKalb Co	4
	Goldie	12	Feb 1891	DeKalb Co	4
	Albert	7	Jul 1895	Noble Co	4
Worman, Hattie	Cleo	7	Dec 1895	DeKalb Co	4
✓ Pepple, Lydia	James	17	Aug 1885	Allen Co	4
	William	11	Aug 1891	Allen Co	4
Witt, A. L.	Ida Nederhiser	19	Dec 1883	Illinois	4
	Clarence Harvey	10	Nov 1892	DeKalb Co	4
Hossler, Catherine	Edith	19	Jan 1883	DeKalb Co	4
	Stella	15	Jun 1887	DeKalb Co	4
Baker, A. S.	Roy	19	May 1883	Pennsylvania	5
	Scott	18	Feb 1885	Pennsylvania	5
Strouse, William	Agnes	6	Apr 1897	DeKalb Co	5
Weller, M. J.	Artie	18	Nov 1884	DeKalb Co	5
	Frank	14	Aug 1888	DeKalb Co	5
✓ Thursh, Ella	Walter	17	Jun 1885	DeKalb Co	5
	Marie	14	Jun 1888	DeKalb Co	5
McClintock, J. E.	Lattice	8	Jan 1895	Allen Co	5
Williams, Mary	Estella	19	Jun 1883	DeKalb Co	5
	Grover	18	Feb 1885	DeKalb Co	5

	Harvey	10	May 1892	DeKalb Co	5
✓ Moody, O. S.	Royce	20	Oct 1882	DeKalb Co	5
	Kenton	16	Feb 1887	DeKalb Co	5
	Russele	11	Jul 1891	DeKalb Co	5
Heitz, Sabina	Audrey	14	Jun 1888	DeKalb Co	5
✓ Fair, J. I.	Elva	15	May 1887	DeKalb Co	5
	Cleon	14	Sep 1888	DeKalb Co	5
	Ethel	13	Apr 1890	DeKalb Co	5
✓ Fitch, Leah	Rowene	9	Mar 1894	DeKalb Co	5
Benninghoff, Gusta	Clarisy	7	Mar 1895	DeKalb Co	5
✓ Fitch, Nancy	Rowland	18	Sep 1884	DeKalb Co	5
	Marie	11	Jun 1891	DeKalb Co	5
	Margrette	9	Jan 1894	DeKalb Co	5
Harter, James	Virgil	13	May 1889	DeKalb Co	5
✓ Shillling, William	Grace	18	Nov 1883	DeKalb Co	5
✓ Rinehold, David	James	17	Aug 1885	DeKalb Co	5
	Ward	12	Aug 1890	DeKalb Co	5
Heffefinger, Martin	Edward	20	Nov 1882	Whitley Co	5
	Alford	18	Sep 1884	Allen Co	5
Houser, H. L.	Goldie	11	Feb 1892	DeKalb Co	5
	Cleo	7	Aug 1895	DeKalb Co	5
Lung, N. A.	Mabel	16	Dec 1886	DeKalb Co	5
	Jennie	13	Sep 1889	Ohio	5
	Arthur	11	Jan 1892	DeKalb Co	5
	Lulu	9	Nov 1893	DeKalb Co	5
	Blanch	6	Jan 1897	DeKalb Co	5
Miller, J. A.	Claud	19	Sep 1883	DeKalb Co	6
Lark, John	Mortie Larkin	8	Dec 1894	DeKalb Co	6

Barton, Geo	Jennie	17	May 1885	DeKalb Co	6	
Miller, H. H.	Effie	20	May 1882	DeKalb Co	6	
	Ettie	16	Nov 1886	DeKalb Co	6	Kansas
	Charles	14	Aug 1888	DeKalb Co	6	
	Roy	6	Mar 1897	DeKalb Co	6	
Wilcox, Jan	Goldie	15	May 1887	Allen Co	6	
Perry ✓ Fitch, Sarah E.	Claud	17	Oct 1885	DeKalb Co	6	
	Perlie	15	Jan 1888	DeKalb Co	6	
✓ Griffing, Effie	Hershal	11	Oct 1891	DeKalb Co	6	
	John	9	Aug 1893	DeKalb Co	6	
	Nettie	8	Dec 1894	DeKalb Co	6	
Cornell, Minnie	Lizzie	17	Mar 1886	DeKalb Co	6	
	Corra	15	Mar 1888	DeKalb Co	6	
✓ Carnahan, Ophelia	Hugh	12	Feb 1891	DeKalb Co	6	
	Paul	6	Dec 1896	DeKalb Co	6	
Depew, Maggie	Isaih	12	Feb 1891	DeKalb Co	6	
Harkey, Catharine	Elmer Depew	7	Feb 1896	DeKalb Co	6	
	Mellie Baltz	14	Jun 1888	DeKalb Co	6	
Kistler, Aldema	Ina	12	Sep 1890	DeKalb Co	6	
Harkey, A. M.	May	6	May 1896	DeKalb Co	6	
Rowely, Ella	Lizzie	20	Apr 1883	DeKalb Co	6	
	Catherine	17	Dec 1885	DeKalb Co	6	
	Mabel	14	Jul 1888	DeKalb Co	6	
	Walter	12	Oct 1890	DeKalb Co	6	
	Grace	9	Jul 1893	DeKalb Co	6	
	Ralph	7	May 1895	DeKalb Co	6	
Paulen, Ada	Elmer	9	May 1893	DeKalb Co	6	
Shutt, Marion	Eveline	11	Mar 1892	DeKalb Co	6	

	Samuel	9	Oct 1893	DeKalb Co	6	
Freeman, Anna	Edna Beugnot	15	Oct 1887	DeKalb Co	6	
	Edward Freeman	6	Aug 1896	DeKalb Co	6	
Zook, Lydia	Walter	11	Sep 1891	Allen Co	6	
✓ Cornell, Sarah	Ethel	8	Jun 1894	DeKalb Co	6	Jackson #4
	Ester	6	Oct 1896	DeKalb Co	6	
✓ Cornell, W. H. H.	Charles	15	Nov 1887	DeKalb Co	6	
Custer, William	Lydia	18	Nov 1885	DeKalb Co	6	
	Lottie	18	Aug 1888	DeKalb Co	6	
	Eleck	13	Nov 1889	DeKalb Co	6	
	William	11	Sep 1891	DeKalb Co	6	
	Artie	7	Aug 1895	DeKalb Co	6	
Balliet, Nora	Lulu	17	Jun 1885	DeKalb Co	6	
	William	16	Dec 1886	DeKalb Co	6	
	Ezra	12	Oct 1890	DeKalb Co	6	
	Grace	10	Nov 1892	DeKalb Co	6	
	Randel	7	Dec 1895	DeKalb Co	6	
	Burch	6	Apr 1897	DeKalb Co	6	
Sterling, Allen	George E.	20	Mar 1882	DeKalb Co	6	
	Gerald	17	Oct 1885	DeKalb Co	6	
Rickey, Mary	Alva	14	Apr 1889	DeKalb Co	6	
	May	12	Feb 1890	DeKalb Co	6	
	Charles	8	Sep 1894	DeKalb Co	6	
	Armie	6	Aug 1896	DeKalb Co	6	
Clark, G. M.	Raymond	19	May 1885	DeKalb Co	6	
	Mabel	8	Sep 1895	DeKalb Co	6	
	Mary	7	Mar 1896	DeKalb Co	6	
✓ Pence, F. M.	Walter M.	20	Apr 1882	DeKalb Co	6	
	Garnet	12	Mar 1891	DeKalb Co	6	

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Parents	Children	Age	Birth Date	Birth Place	Dist #	Misc
Milton, W. F.	Bertha	16	Oct 1886	-	2	
Bassett, G. A.	George	15	Nov 1887	-	2	
	Cora	12	Oct 1890	-	2	
	Ora	10	Feb 1893	-	2	
Koch, Reuben	Edna	15	Jan 1888	-	2	
	Willie	16	Mar 1887	-	2	
Smith, J. D.	Harrie	16	Dec 1886	-	2	
Mullnic, Thomas	Marian Fleekinger	13	May 1890	-	2	
	Ray Mullnic	19	Feb 1883	-	2	
Krabill, Ruby	Hazel	12	Jan 1891	-	2	
Malone, Susan	Jasper	10	Oct 1892	-	2	
Widney, Rosa	Edith	18	Apr 1885	-	2	
	Oline Bungard	16	Jul 1886	-	2	
Bills, Harriet	Luella	14	Nov 1888	-	2	
Engle, M. D.	Donna	14	Feb 1889	-	2	
	John P.	17	May 1885	-	2	

Baltz, W. H.	Carrie	18	Jul 1884	-	2	
	Frankie	16	Apr 1886	-	2	
	Grace	15	Jul 1887	-	2	
	Grant	7	Jun 1895	-	2	
Reasoner, H.	Dessie	20	Aug 1882	-	2	
	Alva	18	Nov 1884	-	2	
	Rollen	13	Jun 1895	-	2	
Dirrim, Milton	Harrie	12	Sep 1890	-	2	
	Gladys	8	Aug 1895	-	2	
Ulm, Jeremiah	Rob	18	Aug 1884	-	2	
	Frank	14	May 1889	-	2	
	Rozy	10	Oct 1892	-	2	
Culbertson, Geo.	Emma White	19	May 1883	-	2	
Johnston, Samuel	Fred	19	Jul 1883	-	2	
	Gracie	17	Apr 1886	-	2	
	Don	11	Oct 1891	-	2	
Hamm, Tillie	Charles	12	Aug 1890	-	2	
Hindman, Nancy	Lee	17	Jul 1886	-	2	
	Don	13	Jun 1890	-	2	
Knisely, Sarah	George	16	Sep 1887	-	2	
	Gracie	14	Sep 1889	-	2	
	Halcie	12	Oct 1891	-	2	
	Viola	10	Jun 1893	-	2	
	Mabel	8	May 1895	-	2	
	Frank	7	Jun 1896	-	2	
Hull, Emma	Alta	6	Apr 1897	-	2	
Carpenter, Viola	Darrel	6	Aug 1896	-	2	
Greenhoe, Deloss	Harold	6	Oct 1866	-	2	
Wyatt, Nevada	Neva	10	Feb 1893	-	2	Resided in Newville

	Laura	7	Sep 1896	-	2	Resided in Newville
	Willie	18	Nov 1885	-	2	Resided in Newville
	Harley	15	Aug 1887	-	2	Resided in Newville
	Rose	14	Oct 1888	-	2	Resided in Newville
	Argel	8	Dec 1895	-	2	Resided in Newville
Gillingham, John	Arthur	13	Jul 1889	-	2	Resided in Newville
Richmond, S.	Omo	20	Jun 1883	-	2	Resided in Newville
	Arthur	6	Jan 1897	-	2	Resided in Newville
Wildeson, Orlin	Ethel	10	Jul 1892	-	2	Resided in Newville
	John	14	Oct 1887	-	2	Resided in Newville
Patterson, Jen?	Grace Catlett	19	Aug 1884	-	2	Resided in Newville
Baker, Jacob	Cora	13	Aug 1889	-	4	
	Maud	12	Mar 1891	-	4	Not fit to be in school
Jackson, Charles	Mable	11	Nov 1890	-	4	
	Fordyce	7	Aug 1895	-	4	
Morr, Josephine	Grover	18	May 1884	-	4	
Elson, T. H.	Fred J.	13	May 1884	-	4	
Baker, H.	Ray O.	15	May 1887	-	4	
	Walter	8	Sep 1894	-	4	
Hutton, Inez	Cora	16	Jun 1886	-	4	
	Iven	13	Jan 1890	-	4	
Baker, D. W.	Frank E.	18	Feb 1885	-	4	
	Laura	15	Dec 1887	-	4	
Rollin, Levi	A. P.	10	Oct 1893	-	4	
Bassett, S. G.	Hazel	10	Jan 1893	-	4	
	Mable	8	Apr 1895	-	4	
Houser, Anna	Altha	15	Apr 1887	-	4	
	Erma	14	Dec 1889	-	4	

	Russell	9	Aug 1893	-	4	
	Albert	7	Dec 1895	-	4	
Wyatt, Mary E.	Daniel	16	Dec 1886	-	4	
	Ida	14	Sep 1886	-	4	
	Albert R.	10	May 1892	-	4	
Therer/Sherer	Earl Shearer	18	Sep 1884	-	4	
	Herbert	11	Jul 1891	-	4	
	Otto Ginther	20	Aug 1882	-	4	
	Albert Ginther	16	Jun 1885	-	4	
	Frank Ginther	14	Jun 1888	-	4	
May, James W.	Della	20	Mar 1882	-	4	
	Viola	15	Mar 1887	-	4	
Zimmerman, William	Roy	20	Sep 1883	-	5	
	Nellie	19	Mar 7, 1884	-	5	
	Benjamin	17	Mar 30, 1886	-	5	
	Albert	8	? ?, 1895	-	5	Moved
Ervin, James	Blanche	12	Jun 1890	-	5	
	Ada	9	Feb 1894	-	5	
Wade, Mrs. Geo	Rosco Rickett	11	Jul 1891	-	5	
Rickett, Mrs. A. L.	Samuel Dailey	13	Oct 1889	-	5	Resided in St. Joe
	Bessie	9	Dec 1893	-	5	
	May	11	May 1891	-	5	
Scott, Martha	Frank	11	Apr 1891	-	5	
Hull, Jane	Ralph	11	Apr 1892	-	5	
Draggoo, J. B.	Sadia	15	Aug 1888	-	5	
	Orpha	14	Oct 1889	-	5	
	Ruth	10	Jun 1892	-	5	
	J. L.	8	Aug 1894	-	5	

Hull, Jane	Fred	6	Aug 1896	-	5	
Rickett, Anna	Isa	19	Jun 1883	-	5	
	Jay	16	Jan 1887	-	5	
	Geraldine	10	Dec 1892	-	5	
Wyatt, Mollie	Roy Henesey	15	Feb 1888	-	5	
Read, W. H.	Fred	18	Apr 1887	-	5	
	Lenard	7	Jan 1895	-	5	
	Bertha	16	Apr 1887	-	5	
Howey, L.	Jenettie	12	Sep 1890	-	5	Moved No. 1 Jackson
Funk, Blanch	Paul	7	Aug 1895	-	5	
Kline, Tlaev?	Inez	18	Oct 1884	-	5	
Goings, James	William	10	Jul 1892	-	5	
	Mary	8	Nov 1894	-	5	
Wasson, D. W.	Asa	17	Oct 1887	-	5	
	Alfred	10	May 1892	-	5	
Hefty, John	Fred	19	Sep 1884	-	5	
	Mirtle	15	Aug 1887	-	5	
	Harry	8	Feb 1895	-	5	
Herrick, Orange	Ray	14	Dec 1889	-	5	
Maurer, Miranda	Harry	20	Oct 1882	-	5	
	Ray	16	Sep 1885	-	5	
Fetters, John	L. G.	19	Oct 1884	-	5	
	Jay	16	Mar 1885	-	5	
Buchanan F.	Flossie	20	Jul 1882	-	5	
Wasson, L. R.	Harry	12	May 1890	-	5	
Topper, Susie	Willie Rickett	12	Oct 1890	-	5	
Funk, Blanche	Marie	6	Mar 1897	-	5	
Scott, Mary	Inez Patterson	11	Jun 1892	-	5	

Edgman, J.	Nellie	10	Apr 1893	-	5	
✓ Shilling, J. R.	Leela	17	Mar 1886	-	5	
	Stella Goings	6	Mar 1897	-	5	
Hamilton, Benj.	Delpha	20	May 1882	-	7	
Tustison, Flora	Hearld Bevington	17	_?_ 1884	-	7	
	Earl Tustison	16	Nov 1885	-	7	
✓ Maxwell, Cora	Roy	12	Jan 1891	-	7	
	Merritt	10	Aug 1892	-	7	
Jenkins, Harry L.	Fred	16	Apr 1887	-	7	
Washler, C. A.	Cleveland	18	Feb 1885	-	7	
	Lewis	15	Feb 1889	-	7	
	Ida	13	Jan 1890	-	7	
	Adrain	9	Sep 1893	-	7	
Freeburn, C. W.	Jessie	18	Aug 1886	-	7	
	Gail	15	May 1882	-	7	
	Briton	13	Apr 1891	-	7	
	Willie	11	May 1893	-	7	
	Glen	9	Sep 1894	-	7	
	Vigil	7	Feb 1896	-	7	
Leighty, M. E.	Ethel	13	Jan 1890	-	7	Resided in Newville Center
Poper, Myra	Myra	20	Oct 1882	-	7	Resided in St. Joe
	Marion	14	Oct 1888	-	7	
	Opea	11	Dec 1891	-	7	
Tustison, Nelson	Farak Ferrel	15	Jan 1885	-	7	
Bearrs, Roland	Fred	81	Jul 1894	-	7	Resided in St. Joe
Sechler, Frank	Leon	19	Mar 1883	-	7	
	John	17	Apr 1885	-	7	
	Grace	14	Feb 1889	-	7	
	Avis	11	Aug 1891	-	7	

	Ralph	9	Jun 1893	-	7	
Reasoner, Silas	Amdrion	18	Mar 1880	-	7	
	Bert	17	Feb 1886	-	7	
	Effie	11	Aug 1891	-	7	
Milliman, J. M.	John D.	20	Sep 1883	-	7	
✓ Coburn, W. W.	Lena J.	11	Feb 1892	-	7	
	Verne E.	8	Jul 1894	-	7	
Dermott, C. C.	Victor	20	Sep 1882	-	7	
	Forest	29	Jul 1894	-	7	
✓ Northrup, W. H.	Thayer	15	Jul 1887	-	7	
Lothamur, Mrs. Annie	May Woodward	19	Nov 1883	-	7	
Wilmot, Maggie	Elmira	6	Oct 1896	-	7	
✓ Coburn, C. M.	John H.	20	Feb 1883	-	7	
	Harlan	17	Mar 1886	-	7	
	Lester	9	May 1893	-	7	
Gee, W. D.	Lessley	18	Jun 1884	-	7	Resided in Newville
	Charles	13	May 1889	-	7	Resided in Newville
	Velma	10	Jun 1892	-	7	Resided in Newville
	Marvel	16	Dec 1886	-	7	Resided in Newville
Culbertson, J. R.	Ruth	8	Jul 1894	-	7	Resided in Newville
Rupert, M.	Della	18	Jul 1884	-	7	Resided in Newville
	Hattie	15	Mar 1888	-	7	Resided in Newville
Simonton, J. H.	Tena Lavey	19	Mar 1884	-	7	Resided in Newville
Thomas, Ella	Ruth	9	Jun 1894	-	7	Resided in Newville
Staman, William	William J.	19	Feb 1884	-	7	Resided in Newville
Shull, Hariak	Fred	20	Aug 1883	-	8	
	Mark D.	8	Jul 1895	-	8	
Shull, I. H.	Agnes	7	Jun 1896	-	8	

✓ Dermott, J. M.	Olona	18	Apr 1885	-	8
✓ Dermott, J. E.	Dev.	10	Jan 1883	-	8
Abel, Merton	Myrtle	6	Jun 1896	-	8
Wilmot, Art	Lee	18	May 1884	-	8
	Anna	11	Jan 1892	-	8
	Fay	6	Jun 1896	-	8
Hemery, Ellen E.	Archie Milliman	9	Nov 1893	-	8
✓ Coburn, Wilmot	Floyd	14	Nov 1889	-	8
	Laura	9	Feb 1894	-	8
	Walter	6	Oct 1896	-	8
Hadsell, C. A.	Laura	11	May 1891	-	8
	Van	10	Dec 1892	-	8
	Zora	7	Jun 1895	-	8
Hadsell, I. S.	Fuchia	13	May 1889	-	8
	Blanche	11	Jul 1892	-	8
Shull, Joseph	Owen	9	Jan 1884	-	8
	Mabel	19	Mar 1884	-	8
Kimes, J. W.	Stella	12	May 1890	-	8
	Dolphy	10	Jun 1892	-	8
	Pearl	7	Apr 1896	-	8
Place, Della	Bertha	14	Mar 1889	-	8
	Alvy	10	Aug 1892	-	8
	Mervin	7	May 1896	-	8
Shaver, M. E.	Loyd A.	20	Jun 1882	-	8
	Berthena	18	Mar 1885	-	8
	Gracy	9	Jun 1893	-	8
Koch, M. L.	Paul	6	Mar 1897	-	8
Frank, Mrs. H.	Harrie	14	Oct 1888	-	8

Bensteel, Rebecca	Leona	17	Oct 1885	-	8	
	Carl	15	Dec 1887	-	8	
	Lena	10	Aug 1892	-	8	
Brace, Lonzo	Dottie	12	Jun 1890	-	8	
Poince, Lorina	Stella Points	20	Mar 1882	-	8	
	Dessie	14	Nov 1888	-	8	
	George	10	Feb 1892	-	8	
Sowers, David	Minnie	17	? ?, 1886	-	8	
	Ray	12	Jun 1891	Allen Co	8	
Smith, Isaiah	Emra	20	Nov 1884	-	8	
	Effa	13	Jul 1898	-	8	
	Warren	10	Jun 1892	-	8	
Wade, George	Loyd	20	Oct 1882	-	8	
	Clifford	18	Jun 1884	-	8	
	Stearl	17	Apr 1886	-	8	
	Jessie	14	Feb 1889	-	8	
Coburn, Dell	Loyd	7	Apr 1896	-	8	
Kimes, Harvey	Ray Baker	17	Oct 1886	-	9	
	Pluma Kimes	13	Dec 1889	-	9	
Willson, Wall	Edna	11	Jul 1892	-	9	Spencerville
	Arda	9	Oct 1894	-	9	
Kelley, D. M.	Clarence	17	May 1886	-	9	
	Verna	13	May 1888	-	9	
	Corma	13	Aug 1890	-	9	
Rhoads, W. M.	William Dove	9	Dec 1883	-	9	
	Inez	14	Mar 1888	-	9	
Tyndall, W. S.	Mark	8	Dec 1894	-	9	
	Violet	6	Mar 1897	-	9	
Squires, M. J.	Ray	13	Apr 1890	-	9	

	Claren	10	Jan 1893	-	9	
	Charles	7	Aug 1895	-	9	
Davis, W. H. H.	Clarence	14	Jun 1888	-	9	
	Vernus	12	Jun 1890	-	9	
Hart, M C.	Lizzie	14	Oct 1888	-	9	Spencerville School
	Bessie	11	Feb 1892	-	9	
	George	9	Mar 1894	-	9	
Cook, Jerome	Melvin	19	Jul 1884	-	9	
	Frank	16	Feb 1887	-	9	
	Nora	13	Jun 1890	-	9	
	Homer	11	Jul 1892	-	9	
	Charles	9	Jul 1894	-	9	
Spitlar, Oscar	Milton	20	Mar 1883	-	9	
Howey, T. C.	Melvin	20	Apr 1883	-	10	
	Myrtle	13	May 1890	-	10	
Goldsmith, M.	Loyd	18	Apr 1885	-	10	
Burly, D. D.	Don	14	Aug 1885	-	10	
Wineland, John	Glen	12	Jun 1890	-	10	
	Blanch	10	May 1892	-	10	
	Calie	8	Jul 1894	-	10	St. Joe
Curie, C.	Annie	20	Sep 1883	-	10	
	Grover	18	Apr 1885	-	10	
Wasson, Birt	Paul	8	Dec 1894	-	10	
	Ray	7	Mar 1896	-	10	
Hull, Martin	Edward	14	_?_ 1889	-	10	
	Marie	6	_?_ 1896	-	10	
Wasson, B. F.	Mable	10	Mar 1893	-	10	
	Inez	6	Jan 1897	-	10	

Steward, Flora	Bertha	15	Dec 1888	-	10
	John	13	Sep 1890	-	10
	Owen	7	Nov 1897	-	10
Steward, Will	George	11	Dec 1891	-	10
	Gertrude	8	Mar 1894	-	10
Moody, John	James	6	Apr 1896	-	10
Henderson, Charlie	Ruth	7	Dec 1895	-	10
Steward, Pernetta	Frank	20	Dec 1889	-	10
	Clarence	13	Jun 1889	-	10
	Ernest	10	Sep 1892	-	10
	Hazel	7	Nov 1895	-	10
Markel, S.	Charles	16	Sep 1887	-	10
	Nora F.	13	Aug 1891	-	10
Baker, Mrs. Bortor	Faye	20	Sep 1884	-	10
	Florence	17	Jun 1886	-	10
Steward, S.	Deloss White	11	Feb 1892	-	10
Cupp, G. M. T.	Ed	19	Dec 1884	-	10
Zehner, Samuel	Iva	11	Oct 1891	-	10
Kline, Addison	Maude	9	Nov 1893	-	10
Zimmerman, Wesley	Ray	7	Sep 1895	-	10
Beam, Mina	Myrtle	6	Jan 1897	-	10
Betz, Sarah	Glen	14	Sep 1888	-	10
	Nettie	13	Mar 1890	-	10
✓ Hollabaugh, G. W. (Hobaugh, M.)	Scudder	20	Jan 1883	-	10
Fales, Rosa	Leland	13	Feb 1890	-	10
	Guy	16	Dec 1886	-	10
	Jay	13	Jul 1889	-	10
Webb, Joseph	Frankie Horn	8	Jun 1894	-	10

	Clayton Webb	19	Jul 1883	-	10
House, Frank	Eva	16	Jul 1886	-	10
	John	9	Apr 1894	-	10
Erick, Mabel	Murray	10	Nov 1892	-	10
	Beeks	8	Jul 1894	-	10
Beams, Fannie	Robert	10	Jun 1892	-	10
Smith, Florence	Carlisle	14	Dec 1888	-	10
	Walter	11	Mar 1890	-	10
	Isaiah	8	Jul 1894	-	10
Shook, Benj	Hubert	7	Oct 1895	-	10
Carmes, Henry	Josephine	14	Sep 1888	-	10
	Edward	12	Oct 1892	-	10
	Homer	7	Nov 1895	-	10
Murray, T. S.	Golden	16	Aug 1886	-	10
Chapman, E.M.	Morris	18	Jun 1885	-	10
	Charles	16	Nov 1886	-	10
	Jay	14	Feb 1889	-	10
	Emillus	11	Oct 1891	-	10
	Mary	8	May 1894	-	10
	Maud	6	Oct 1896	-	10
Dove, D.H.	Harry	11	Jul 1891	Ashley	10
	Verna	9	Jun 1893	-	10
Friece, C.	Jennie	16	Nov 1886	-	10
Silberg, W. W.	Lillie	19	Nov 1883	-	10
	Frank	17	Apr 1885	-	10
	Vera	11	Jun 1891	-	10
Berry L.	Mable	11	Jun 1891	-	10
Oberholtzer, John A.	Harry Hursh	17	Oct 1885	-	10

Provines, John A.	John A.	17	Jul 1885	-	10
Heilman, Fred	Enos ?	13	Nov 1890	-	10
	John	11	Nov 1891	-	10
Hursh, Benj.	Flossie	15	Jan 1887	-	10
	Beeks	14	May 1888	-	10
	Mabel	11	May 1891	-	10
	John	8	Sep 1893	-	10
Silberg, Mrs. June	Russell	8	May 1894	-	10
	Catherine	6	Sep 1896	-	10
Steward, Cora C.	Arminie	17	Jan 1886	-	10
	Peter	16	Mar 1887	-	10
	Liddie	13	Apr 1889	-	10
	Fred	9	Dec 1894	-	10
Kimes, George W.	Cloa	16	Dec 1887	-	10
Fischer, W. W.	Lewis	7	Jan 1896	-	10
Chaney, R.	Ada Fales	11	Mar 1892	-	10
Lake, Charles	Frank	18	Mar 1885	-	10
	Irvin	11	Sep 1892	-	10
	Ralph	7	Mar 1896	-	10
Rhoads, C. A.	Laura	19	Jun 1884	-	10
Zern, J.	Jacob	20	Jul 1883	-	10
Miller, Philip	John	20	Oct 1883	-	10
	Jerry	17	Oct 1885	-	10
	Melvin	12	Sep 1889	-	10
	Iva	11	Apr 1892	-	10
	Oliv	7	Mar 1896	-	10
✓ Rhodes, Frank	Mirwood	9	Jan 1894	-	10
Provines, William	Ettie	19	Jan 1884	-	10

	Elizabeth	16	Oct 1886	-	10
	Winfield	14	Jun 1888	-	10
	Annie	12	Sep 1890	-	10
	Howard	9	Apr 1894	-	10
Keesler, Martin	Bertha	17	Mar 1886	-	10
	Clara	13	Nov 1889	-	10
	Franklin	12	Mar 1891	-	10
Dove, J. H.	John	14	Apr 1889	-	10
Wearley, G.	Ort	13	Feb 1890	-	10
	Fearn	13	Feb 1890	-	10
Wearley, Clint	Zenith	11	Dec 1892	-	10
Houk, H.	Ida Bice	19	Jan 1884	-	10
Owen, Winson	Alfred	9	Aug 1894	-	10
	Leon	8	Apr 1895	-	10
Butler, Mrs. David	Princes	15	May 1888	-	10
	Frances	11	Dec 1892	-	10
Butler, Mrs. Daniel	Audrey	19	Oct 1883	-	10
	Leanna Worley	7	Apr 1896	-	10
Poff, G. W.	Annie G.	11	Mar 1892	-	10

Names	Age	Name	Age
James Madson	13	William Brin	8
Calvin McQueen	14	George Madson	5
John Boley	11	Ervin Bogue	9
Luis Madson	11	George Newcumer	9
George Person	8	Christin Newcumer	8
Pery Boley	8	Joseph Newcumer	12
Edward Jones	8	John Person	10
Walter Boley	15	James Brine	6
David Person	12	Miles Bullard	14
Luther Boley	16	Lorn Bullard	5
Claver Albright	16		

Register of School No. 9 (Feagler's School) Smithfield Township, County of DeKalb for the Winter Term 1853 Commencing Nov 21st, and ending February 15, 1854. G. H. Duncan The Daily Attendence 50/100

Males: Females:

Names	Age	Names	Age
Ebenezer Delong	17	Lucinda Danels	14
Henry C. Smith	19	Martha Smith	16
Lewis Heigis	19	Sylvia Delong	18
William Kennedy	19	Miriam Holden	15
George Danels	17	Cornelia Hemstreet	15
John H. Shoemaker	13	Adaline Smith	14

Children of
Joseph DeLong Jr.
+ Jane Groves

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John Hood	16	Mary Smith	17
Washington Fisk	14	Ellen Mullen	6
S. B. Smith	13	Sarah F. Sanor	12
Josiah Kenedy	14	Sarah A. Kennedy	10
Philip Kenedy	13	Sarah Shoemaker	12
Charles Delong	14	Lucilia Delong	11
Alonzo Hemstreet	13	Lucy Ann Blake	7
Samuel Holden	18	Mary Ann Mullen	9
John Nobles	21	Martha Crook	11
Mathew Crooks	16	Nancy Danels	8
Jacob H. Smith	20	Sylvia Danels	6
David Smith	15	Malissa Holden	12
Franklin Harmar	5	Elisabeth Cooks	7
B. F. Kennedy	8	Julia Danels	11
James Delong	9	Harriett C. Holden	11
Elias Fisk	12	Sarah A. Holden	5
Warren Fisk	6	Miss S. Hemstreet	11
Perry Mulen	12	Elisabeth Hays	10
Nathan Fredrickson	8	Harriet Hays	12
Samuel Hood	12		
Harris Shoemaker	6		
William Hood	10		
Judson J. Blake	9		
Charles Holden	8		
William Scoby	11		
Jesse Blake	9		

Children of
Joseph DeLong, Jr.
&
Jane Graves

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Class book of Sarah Jane Duncan for school #___?

Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana Jan 7, 1956

Orthography:

1. George Person	7. John Person
2. William Brin	8. James Brien
3. George Madson	9. Lorn Bullard
4. Mary McColster	10. Martha Botey
5. Mary Jane Jones	11. Emeline Person
6. Elizabeth Person	

Reading Class:

Females Ages:

Name	Age	Name	Age
Susan Jones	13	Francis Jones	16
Lucy McQueen	18	Mary McColoster	6
Clory Madson	16	Francis McColoster	4
Lida A. Madson	9	Mary Jane Jones	6
Maria Person	13	Elizabeth Person	?
Elnora Albright	11	Maria Newcumer	14
Emley T. McColoster	9	Barbra Newcumer	17
Adaline Albright	9	Martha Boley	6
Sarah Person	11	Emeline Person	6
Cornela Jones	10		

Males Ages:

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PREPARE FOR THE FOURTH

Excellent arrangements are being made for a grand celebration here on the Fourth. A meeting of the old settlers will take place for the first time in the county, and an organization will no doubt be effected. It is hoped that there will be a large number of this class in attendance. Hon. E.D. Hartman will deliver the oration. There will be fire works in the evening and several ascensions of illuminated balloons will be made.

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OLD SETTLERS' MEETING

A very good representation of the old settlers was present on the appointed day, and after the oration in the grove in the afternoon, they held a meeting to make arrangements for the future. The meeting was called to order by T.D. Gross, and on motion of John McClellan, Jas. R. Cosper was called to the chair and T.D. Gross was made Secretary. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that when this meeting adjourn, it will adjourn to meet at Auburn, September 12, 1878; and that all who were citizens of the county prior to January 1, 1846, are cordially invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

On motion, a committee of two from each township was appointed, to ascertain the number of old settlers in their respective townships, and notify and induce them to attend the next meeting, and perform such other duties as in their judgement would be for the best interests of the meeting.

The following were appointed: Peter Simmons and J.A. Miller, Butler-tp; A.D. Goetschius and Henry Brown, Jackson-tp; B.F. Blair and John Platter, Newville-tp; Samuel Wasson and J. Rhodes, Concord-tp; C.B. Wanemaker and C.L. Thomas, Stafford-tp; George Egnew and Nathan Mathews, Wilimington-tp; T.D. Gross and M. Waterman, Union-tp; O.C. Clark and William Embra, Keyser-tp; G. Showers and Thomas Daily, Richland-tp; W. Childs and P. Gushwa, Fairfield-tp; R.J. Daniels and Jerry Hemstreet, Smithfield-tp; John N. Clark and John Hammond, Franklin-tp; Wm. Emerson and John Stearns, Troy-tp.

On motion of Dr. Ford, all the papers of DeKalb county were requested to publish these proceedings.
Adjourned.

J.R. Cosper, Chairman.
T.D. Gross, Secretary.

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OLD SETTLERS' MEETING

At a meeting of Old Settlers of DeKalb county, at

Auburn, Ind., on September 12th, 1878, Maj. S.W. Sprott was appointed Chairman and T.C. Mays, Secretary. Nelson Prentiss, Esq., of Noble County, being present was called upon to suggest a way to proceed to organize an old settlers' association, which he did after the manner followed in Noble County. He read a synopsis of the by-laws of the Noble County Old Settlers' Association, which were amended and adopted.

The following persons were in attendance, and the time given when they located in this county.

William Smith	May,	1836
Samuel Wasson	Dec.,	1833
S.D. Long	March,	1845
J.E. Rose	Oct.,	1836
Samuel Headly	Sept.,	1836
Philip Gushwa	March,	1845
S.B. Ward	Jan.,	1842
William Carr	Feb.,	1839
J.D. McAnnally	Sept.,	1840
N.H. Matthews	Oct.,	1839
C.P. Coleman	Dec.,	1842
R. Culbertson	Oct.,	1843
R.G. Daniels	Jan.,	1837
P.B. Nimmons	Aug.,	1844
N. Griffith	April,	1839
James Draggoo	Oct.,	1841
A.D. Goetschius	June,	1836
Paul Long	Feb.,	1841
John Hogue	June,	1842
D. McDaniel	June,	1843
Isaac Deihl	June,	1843
A.J. Ralston	Dec.,	1842
James Johnson	Aug.,	1844
N. Ensley	Oct.,	1841
J.E. Shilling	April,	1845
G.W. Gordon	Oct.,	1841
Henry Clark	Oct.,	1842
J.C. Wells	June,	1844
D. Altenburg	Nov.,	1837
R.B. Showers	Feb.,	1839
W. Jacques	Oct.,	1845
Thomas D. Dailey	March,	1841
Levi J. Walsworth	Nov.,	1837
C. Bowman	Oct.,	1839
Henry Feagler	Sept.,	1836
M. Whetsel	May,	1837
John McClellan	Oct.,	1844
J.H. Ford	Nov.,	1844
A. Blodgett	Aug.,	1842
Peter Treesh	Oct.,	1842
Henry A. Shull	Sept.,	1844
David Weaver	Aug.,	1838
A.S. Casebeer	Sept.,	1837
G.W. Husselman	May,	1845

Abraham Eakright	Sept.,	1836
D.Z. Hoffman	May,	1845
J.C. Somers	Aug.,	1841
S.W. Sprott	July,	1840
T.D. Gross	March,	1841
Guy Plum	June,	1843
Henry Willis	Oct.,	1843
Charles Gillett	Oct.,	1843
Cornelia P. Cole	June,	1842
Sarah Bowman	March,	1841
Eliza Wason	Sept.,	1837
Caroline Whetsel	Sept.,	1841
M.J. Husselman	Oct.,	1845
Anna McDaniel	May,	1843
Mary Siebert	Aug.,	1836
Maria Ingman	Aug.,	1836
Almira Martin	May,	1836
S.A. Griffith	Nov.,	1839
Anna Kline	Aug.,	1841
Mary McClellan	Aug.,	1841
Rachel Treesh	Oct.,	1842

On motion it was decided to hold next meeting at Auburn.

On motion each member of the Ex. Committee was requested to take the names of all old settlers in their respective townships, who settled in DeKalb county prior to January 1846, and report them with the date of their arrival to the Secretary of this association.

S.W. Sprott, Chairman.
T.C. Mays, Sec'y.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Elder S.B. Ward; Vice-President, P.B. Nimmons; Secretary, W.H. Dills; Treasurer, Cyrus Bowman; Biographer and Librarian, J.E. Rose. An executive committee was chosen consisting of one from each township: Butler, John Hogue; Keyser, O.C. Clark; Jackson, William Carr; Concord, R. Culbertson; Newville, B.F. Blair; Wilmington, Samuel Headley; Auburn, T.D. Gross; Waterloo, John Butt; Richland, N. Griffith; Fairfield, Philip Gushwa; Smithfield, R.G. Daniels; Franklin, R.N. Keep; Troy, William Emerson; Stafford, Henry Wanemaker.

The following articles of association were adopted:

I. This association shall be called the Pioneers' Association of DeKalb County, Indiana.

II. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Biographer and Librarian, and an executive committee, consisting of one from each township, who shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors are elected.

III. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the society, and in his absence the Vice-President shall preside, and in the absence of both the society shall elect a President pro tem.

IV. The Secretary shall procure at the expense of the society a substantial book in which he shall record these

articles of association, and the proceedings of all meetings, annual and special, together with all written and printed addresses, delivered before the annual meetings, and all biographical sketches of such members as shall die during each year, and shall conduct all correspondence of the society, and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as the society may direct.
V. It shall be the duty of the Biographer to present to the society at each annual meeting the names of all such members as have died since the last annual meeting, together with sketches of their lives.
VI. The Librarian shall take charge of all relics and mementoes of the early settlement of DeKalb County, and of all books and papers deposited with him, and shall carefully preserve the same; and shall record in a book kept for that purpose all such relics, the name and residence of each donor and the date of the gift.
VII. The executive committee shall have a general supervision of the affairs of the society, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum. They shall have power to call special meetings when in their opinion the interest of the society shall demand, and arrange the program of proceedings of regular meetings, procure speakers, and see that a suitable place is provided for holding the meeting; and in addition to their general duties it shall be the duty of each member for his respective township to report to the biographer the names of such members as shall die during each year within ten days after each death; such information to give the name, date and place of birth, time of settlement in Indiana, date of death, and such other facts as he shall deem of importance.
VIII. The annual meeting of the society shall be held on the third Thursday in June in each year.
IX. All persons who were residents of Northern Indiana prior to January 1, 1846, and who are residents of DeKalb County, shall be considered member of this society.
X.. Amendments to these regulations may be made at any regular or called meeting, by a vote of a majority of the members present, provided that no change shall be made at a special meeting, unless notice of such proposed change be given in one or more of the newspapers of DeKalb County, not less than thirty days before such meeting.

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In order that the biographer of the DeKalb County Pioneer association may make a complete report at the annual meeting to be held soon, each township president should at once send the obituary of any pioneer or old settler that has died since our last neeting to M.B. Willis, Auburn.

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THE OLD SETTLERS

Owing to the delays we could not get a complete report yesterday, but give it in main today. In the morning little was done but to appoint committees and read the list of deaths for the past year. This we give elsewhere. In the afternoon came report of committee and short speeches by old settlers including those by M.B. Willis and R.M. Lockhart.

Fine recitations were given by Rosemond McIntyre and Helen Smith, and there was music by the Auburn Band.

It was decided to change the rule that locates the reunion at Auburn each year and let it go to other towns. It will be at St. Joe next year.

The attendance was not as good as usual, owing to several causes, one being the fact that people were trying to get their corn clean after so long a wet spell. Another reason was the probability of more rain, which in fact, came on them before they adjourned. The exercises were however good. The death list is unusually large. Judge Hartman was made president of the meeting Hiram Pooler had charge of the grounds and furnished water and kept order in good shape.

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THE DEATH ROLL

The following is a list of pioneers and old settlers who have died in DeKalb county since the meeting of 1899:

Pioneer

NAMES	BORN	DIED	SETTLED
Barbara Olinger	Dec 8, 1820	July 3, 1899	1846
Louisa Burley		Aug 29, '99	1836
Israel H. Grob	Feb 8, 1838	Nov 19, '99	1845
Henry H. Knott	Mar 10, 1834	Aug 17, '99	1846
Samuel Mochamer	Apr 23, 1834	Sep 11, '99	1834
Leonard Hoodlemier	May 23, 1834		1842
Ruth C. Hague	Apr 16, 1815	Apr 3, '00	1838
W.M. Farrington	Dec 10, 1822	Dec 7, '99	1844

John Martin	Nov 16, 1822	Jan 20,	'00	1840
Elisa Barnhart	Dec 5, 1823	Jan 24,	'00	1847
William Valleau	Oct 10, 1820	Sep 25,	'99	1843
Morris H. Boren	Nov 12, 1836	May 2,	'00	1843
Sallie Shaefer	Mar 5, 1840	Feb 8,	'00	1841

Old Settlers

NAMES	BORN	DIED
Delila Topper	Oct. 3, 1825	July 5, 1899
Henry Frick	Nov. 23, 1815	July 4, 1899
Edmund Freeman	Oct. 22, 1813	Aug. 1, 1899
Elizabeth Whetsel	Feb. 23, 1847	Aug. 14, 1899
Anna Pepple	Dec. 22, 1821	Aug. 31, 1899
Andrew Smith	June 12, 1830	Oct. 18, 1899
John Meek	Apr. 21, 1810	Oct. 28, 1899
Mary Morr	May 5, 1821	Oct. 17, 1899
Samuel Cornell	June 29, 1821	Nov. 28, 1899
Nancy Brown	June 6, 1814	Dec. 24, 1899
Margaret Reese	1810	Dec. 24, 1899
Henry Crooks		Jan. 17, 1899
John C. Owens	Jan. 1, 1827	Jan. 7, 1900
Allen P. Andrews	Oct. 14, 1827	Jan. 24, 1900
Margaret Bontrager	Mar. 10, 1837	Feb. 7, 1900
Martin C. Jackman	Jan. 10, 1847	Feb. 10, 1900
Mary Miller	Oct. 3, 1832	Feb. 11, 1900
Michael Teutsch	Jan 19, 1817	Mar. 14, 1900
Thomas Leason	Dec. 25, 1813	May 19, 1900
Geo. W. Stahl	Sept. 6, 1831	Apr. 13, 1900
John Musser	Oct. 9, 1819	Apr. 22, 1900
Rev. James A. Krum	Sept.27, 1857	Apr. 30, 1900
Mary M. Cornell	Dec. 25, 1812	May 25, 1900
Lovina Groh	June 16, 1844	May 25, 1900
Mary J. Walter	Feb. 8, 1848	May 29, 1900
Barbara Harn	Apr. 15, 1821	June 3, 1900
James Griswold	Jan. 20, 1819	June 8, 1900
Thomas Woods	Apr. 11, 1814	Feb. 23, 1900
Lewis Moore	Feb. 8, 1843	Apr. 26, 1900
Perry Fitch	Jan. 6, 1842	Apr. 13, 1900

Moses B. Willis, Biographer.

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REUNION OF PIONEERS

The annual reunion of the DeKalb county Pioneer Association will be held at the old school park in Auburn on Thursday, June 21, 1900, when the following program will be observed:

settlers; Catharine Jennings, born Jan. 14, 1806, became resident in 1843, died Feb. 20 1881. Enos Smith, born 22 June 1821, became a resident in 1842, died Aug. 8, 1880. Rebecca Coats, born Aug. 10, 1827, became resident in 1845, died April 18, 1881. Alice Egnew, born in 1815, became resident of LaGrange County in 1832, of this county in 1840, died March 6, 1879. James W. Jeffords, born Aug. 22, 1809, came to Steuben County in 1837, to this county in 1842, died Oct. 3, 1881.

Taken all in all this meeting was one of the best ever held by this society. The order and decorum observed they arrangement of the exercises, the pleasant grove of Mrs. Houghton, so generously tendered, the addresses, the vocal and instrumental music the generous hospitality, of all, old acquaintances renewed and new ones formed, all render the occasion one long to be remembered by all present.

P.B. Nimmons, Pres.
W.H. Dills, Sec'y.

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AN ADDRESS

Delivered at Auburn, Ind., June 16, 1881, at the Fourth Annual Reunion of Pioneer Association of DeKalb County,

BY W.H. DILLS.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen and Members of the Pioneer Association of DeKalb County: Between thirty-five and forty years ago, the period in which the people we recognize and designate as "old settlers" first settled in Northern Indiana, during that time when we met and became acquainted, that meeting was held and acquaintances made almost invariably, not as we meet to-day, under the beautiful trees set out and cultivated by the hand of man for his profit, but it was beneath the towering forms and broad branches of the giant trees of the native forest, planted nurtured and reared by the hand of God for His divine purpose. Instead of enjoying the sweet perfume of domestic plants and flowers placed around us by the hands of youth and innocence, we met amid the aroma of the wild flowers of the forest.

And also. instead of being enwrapped and encircled with the beautiful flag of our country; that same flag, with the same stripes, but with less stars then, waved far above and over beyond our vision and was the same protection and the same insignia of freedom and unity, unsullied and unblemished then as now.

Then we met by twos and threes; now by the thousand--a fitting and beautiful contrast of this country to-day and as it was then.

Robert Burns, the great Scottish bard, sang to the world, nearly one hundred years ago:

"Shall auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days o'lang syne?

"We a'hae run about the braes
And pu'ed the gowans fine.
But we've wandered many a weary foot,
Sin' auld lang syne.

"And here's a hand, my trusty fiere,
And gie's a hand o' thine.
And we'll take a right gued willie-waught
For auld lang syne.

Kindly recollections of the past, fond memories of early friends, associates and acquaintances are well worthy the song of the bard or poet, at all times and in all places. These feelings and sentiments spring up spontaneously in the human heart, and are closely allied to the tenderest chords that vibrate in the human breast. Naturally, and as I said, spontaneously, they flow from the almost hidden recesses of the heart and memory; next in succession are the sweet yet sorrowful but enduring recollections of an adored mother. These sentiments and early memories of friends and associates, are of the kindlier feelings of our nature, and like those of filial and maternal love should be cherished and cultured. They make us all better men and women, the skies seem brighter, our future seems brighter, and our path way through life is brighter. By cherishing and cultivating these memories we forget the sorrows and burdens of the day; we cast aside the dull heavy cares of life we look back and enjoy the bright side and pleasures of this life, and the dull, dark days and heavy clouds which at times seemed to surround and threaten us with destruction, leave no trace to embitter the soul and render life a failure. Those who do not cherish and cultivate these sentiments fail to realize the joys of living. They become sour and morose, live lives of melancholy, lives of disappointment, and not only hate others, but absolutely hate themselves. Instead of thinking and speaking well of early associates and surroundings, the disappointed man or woman is always speaking and thinking ill of the past and its memories; and their evil thinking and speaking is not confined to the past, but by their long course of meditation on the dark side of life, they are continually thinking and speaking ill of their present associates and surroundings. They do not enjoy the pleasures of this life, nor indeed can they--nor are they here today. They would not enjoy these exercises and the memories that will arise from associating with these bent forms and gray heads,--these forms and heads which have with stood the heat of at lest thirty-five summers' sun and the cold of thirty-

five freezing winters in this county. That class of whom I have spoken, who look upon the dark side of the picture of life, are not here to-day. They would not enjoy our society, nor would they add to our enjoyments. Let us remember them with kindness, and that they are entitled to our sympathies.

Before proceeding further, ladies and gentlemen, let me congratulate you upon this, our fourth reunion of the Pioneer Association of DeKalb County. Once more in the providence of God we have the blessed opportunity of looking into the faces of and taking by the hand those who were in part at least, instrumental in bringing civilization and enlightenment into the deep and heavy forests which once covered the entire surface of this country. Look at it to-day, you of younger years in life and of residence in our midst, and contemplate what the scenery was during the twelve years following the first settlement of this county.

Again on this occasion we are glad to meet so many of those who in early life quitted the society of their childhood homes where they were surrounded by not only the necessities but also the luxuries of life, to find homes in a then absolute wilderness. Here you, my old friends, came more than a generation ago, with only your household goods and your own strong arms and determined will--with no cleared land to cultivate, no markets at which to purchase the necessaries of life, even if you had the money to buy with, no roads, no school houses, no mills, no churches, and no society save the wild men and beasts of the forest.

It is sad, very sad, my friends, however, to reflect that many of the noble souls who have heretofore attended our meetings will not be present to-day or at any of our future meetings. Their bodies have returned to mother earth. Their work and toil and labor is past. They cleared away the heavy forests, they built for us homes, planted orchards, built schoolhouses, churches, highways, bridges, raised their children and devised unto them honorable names, and performed every duty toward their country and their race. They have passed away forever, and we know them now only by the kindly remembrances that are placed upon the tablets of our memories.

I am sorry that I cannot give out the names of our members who have died within the last year. Mr. Rose, the biographer, complains very bitterly that he has not been furnished with the proper information from the local committeemen. This, my friends, is a derilection of our duty, that we so justly owe these old men and women who come here in early days, and who have done so much that it is almost criminal and sacrilegious that we make no mention of their good and worthy deeds. It is absolutely wrong that these brave heroes should thus die and be thus forgotten.

These persons to whom I have just called your attention, and you who are here to-day, members of this society, are heroes in the true sense of the term. Not military chieftains, nor those who from ambitious motives for place and power are overturning policies and dynasties; but they and you sought and determined to and did conquer and subdue a wilderness to found a colony which to-day smiles with

civilization and enterprise, peace and plenty, nurtured and fostered by your and their hands, and those who followed in the track which you and they had broken.

We can very well remember seeing these early settlers and their families, with their white-covered wagon, the wife or daughter driving, the father and boys following, and driving, with the aid of a dog, a cow or two, sometimes a few sheep---all wending their way toward the setting sun or plunging into the forest, and hauling up or stopping upon a tract of land upon which not a tree had been cut, and where for ages the rays of the orb of day had not penetrated, amidst the chorus of the feathered songsters of the grove and the silence of the night disturbed only by the hootings of the owl, or the indescribable howlings of hungry wolves. There you, or the fathers of you who came in early times, halted their wagons, which contained all they had on earth, and there to-day you will find comfort, luxury and ease.

Before reaching that final resting place weeks and months had passed in reaching the goal, following Indian trails scarcely wide enough to admit of the passage of a wagon, no bridges, dangers to be encompassed on every side, the early settler was of necessity his own sentinel, and upon himself relied for protection and safety. The trails would sometimes seem to run out--come to an end. Sometimes they would divide and created doubt as to the course that should be pursued. He had no compass and could not tell the cardinal points, but by an examination of trees he could tell the north side of them by the heaviest growth of moss or bark, and thereby determine his course. When night came ere he reached his destination, by the side of the trail, where water and grass were sufficient, he would build a fire, without the aid of matches, by the side of some huge logs, and there prepare their meal, his wife and littles ones retiring to sleep in the wagon, and he, wrapped in a blanket, on the leaves under it, with his faithful dog on one side and his trusty rifle on the other, there seek repose and rest, with as much confidence of safety and exemption from injury as you did last evening upon your downy couches, within bolted doors.

After reaching his land, purchased of the Government at $1.25 per acre, or from some speculator for two, three or four dollars per acre, the pioneer finds for a time that his neighbors are few and far between, like angels' visits. There he could not hear his neighbors' chickens crow, their dogs bark, or their dinner bell or horn. With difficulty he at last succeeds in building his rude little cabin and in clearing off a few acres, by cutting down all the trees eighteen inches or less in diameter, and girdling all the others, which will give him a short supply of corn and vegetables. As for meats, he has none, except as he depends upon the chances to taking game from the forest, and then eat it, very often, without even salt or bread.

The privations of the early settler were great, but often their perils were still greater. Diseases, indigenous to a new county, of which he had previously no knowledge or experience. Malaria, generally, in their character, were certain to overtake him and his family. The massive foliage

of the gia[illegible] trees through which the sun scarcely penetrated, and the black soil vegetation, and the decayed vegetable matter everywhere abounding, generated vast volumes and columns of miasma. No physician or drug store, probably within twenty miles, himself and family were racked almost to death with the shakes, or scorched with raging fevers. Until acclimated by a residence of from two to five years, and sometimes longer, the early settler was yearly visited with attacks of fever and ague, and felt thankful, indeed, if in the fall seasons he did not have an attack of bilious or intermittent fever. Snake bites, broken or cut limbs, and rheumatism from his frequent exposure were of frequent occurrence, and no medical aid at hand. Indeed the hearts of these men and women were brave. A man may stand unmoved at the mouth of a cannon, yet the pitiful moans of a sick wife, the delirious tossing and crying of his children with consuming fevers, without medicine or a doctor, or even sympathizing friends or neighbors within miles would no doubt draw a tear that would rush down the sunburned face and would, fill his very soul with the deepest sorrow and solicitude. So, too, it would be, if it were possible, tenfold more sorrowful to the wife should the husband and protector be stricken down. Even in health their privations seem almost incredible to us. Lumber was not to be had at any price; mills were distant, and what roads there were, were almost impassable. A journey of weeks, sometimes, leaving the wife and children, was necessary to obtain the necessaries of life. Families were almost driven to the verge of starvation, living for weeks on potatoes, wheat bran, and I have heard, on beach-bark and milk. The private history of the sufferings, privations and heroic endurance of many families in early times in this country has not been, nor will it ever be, written. Many, nearly all, of those who have suffered and endured as I have stated, have gone where the weary are at rest, and there is no land to clear, no cabins to raise, no sufferings, no solicitude--the grave--has put its seal on their history. Peace be to their ashes.

The same band from who I have quoted, again sung, long years ago:

John Anderson my jo, John,
When we were first acquent
Your locks were like the raven.
Your bonnie brow was brent;
But now your brow is beld, John,
Your locks are like the snaw;
But blessings on your frosty pow,
John Anderson my jo.

John Anderson my jo, John,
We climbed the hill the gither;
And monie a canty day, John,
We've had wi' and anither'
Now we maun totter down, John,
But hand in hand we'll go;

And sleep thegither at the foot,
John Anderson my jo.

All who belong to our association are at least thirty-five and half years old, all at least are in the prime of life, or are tottering down the hill to sleep, as all must sleep "thegither" at the foot. When first we met many years ago, our looks and brows were not gray and "beld" and although we may differ in politics and religion, and many other things of a secondary or ephemeral character, yet down the hill we will go, hand in hand "thegither."

In early days we asked not whether the new comer was a Whig or a Democrat, Jew or Gentile, Methodist or Baptist, rich or poor; all we wanted to know was that he was a neighbor and a man. These inquiries as to a man's religious or political opinions were not thought of. Was he a good fellow, truthful, honest and charitable? If he had not these qualities, he did not stay long enough in our midst to become an old settler. Those who did not come up to that standard either returned to their old homes or sought other localities long years ago.

When we now look back and review the lives of the pioneers, criticise their character in view of their surroundings, and with the aid of now experienced judgments, although we may detect errors in their lives, yet is there not something over and above these short comings that we admire? Is there a man or woman here to-day who can stand up and truthfully say aught against the brave men and women who sought and subdued this wilderness, which we may now revel in and enjoy so well? Look around you and recall their manly and their noble deeds, and hardened and uncharitable will be the heart that will tarnish their character or speak illy of their ashes. It took bold and brave men and women to subdue this wilderness, to blaze out the road and bring into it civilization and enlightment, and it is the bold and brave men and women who have strong points of character. They are those too, who have sternness, fortitude, and determination, and with that class you will always find, almost to overflowing, veins of kindness, sympathy and charity, that is the true secret for our respect and admiration for those old settlers. They were brave, rough and nearly always uncouth in outward appearance, yet with a heart all aglow with kindness and sympathy. Did you ever hear of one of those early settlers, even if his cabin only had but one room, or his last morsel of corn meal had been baked, refuse the hospitalities of humble home to a man or a family who entered his door? Did you, in those times know of any who would refuse to attend a house raising or log rolling for his neighbor, although it would be two, four, six or eight miles distant? Or if a neighbor was sick or disabled from any cause, refuse to plant his corn, harvest his crops, or any other act of similar character? And after these acts of kindness had been performed, if the sick or disabled neighbor would offer to pay them or their labor, they would feel insulted.

At the risk of wearying you, and I know you would be glad

to listen to me an hour, I will name a few of those veterans who were the formost men of the county in 1845, but who have gone to their long homes. Let us speak reverently of them, too. Their faults were human, but their good qualities and manly virtues will commend them to our consideration. I will give them by townships in the usual order, leaving out Keyser, which was not then formed:

BUTLER-----The Brooks, Henry Clark and sons, George Delong, the Embrys, Abraham and Charles Fair, Nathaniel Fitch, the Greggs, the Bells, father and son, the Hoffmans, Hogues, Holbrooks, Jacksons, Lungs, Millers, Rodenbaughs, Reeves, Shulls, Simons, Surface, Natts and Wellers.

JACKSON-----The Bishops, Cools, Cobblers, Komeskys, Daves, Draggoos, Essigs, Georges, Hurshes, Hendersons, Hartles, Johnsons, Lawheads, Means, Moores, Mowries, Osburns, Sugars, Staffords, Squiers, Stewards, Tarneys, Watsons, Wyatts, Williams and Zimmermans.

CONCORD-----The Allens, Altons, Burleys, Blairs, Balls, Carrs, Culbertsons, Coburns, Catlins, Draggoos, Dawsons, Fales, Headleys, Johnsons, Knights, McNabbs, Nichols, Owens, Robinsons, Rhodes, Sechlers, Widneys, Woodcoxes, Williams and Whites.

NEWVILLE-----The Barletts, Dodges, Delongs, Ellises, Lewises, Lawrences, Murphys, Rogers, Platters, Strongs, Steeles, Thomases, and Waldons.

STAFFORD-----The Barbers, Coats, Christoffels, De Forrests, Deihls, Headleys, McDaneils, Roses, Strohls, Shoubs, Schofields, Websters and Wanemakers.

WILMINGTON-----The Armstrongs, Babcocks, Coes, Crooks, Eakrights, Egnews, Fosdicks, Finneys, Helwigs, Hackleys, Handys, Imhofs, Jackmans, Kreutzes, Maxwells, Mullenixes, Meeses, Norrises, Nelsons, Packers, Rutledges, Roberts, Robes, Sawyers, Tremans, Tomlinsons, Tottens, Veeleys, Widneys, Woods, and Weeks.

UNION-----The Ashelman, Altenburgs, Abbotts, Bidlers, Baughmans, Browns, Cospers, Clay, Fishers, Fulks, Gingriches, Husselmans, Krums, Lutzes, Latsons, McEndefers, Misers, Summers, Strohs, Weavers, Weeks, Walworths, Whetsels, Parks, and Ingmans.

RICHLAND-----The Bangs, Cowleys, Clays, Calkins, Daileys, Dewitts, Feaglers, Greens, Hardys, Moodys, McMillens, Pennells, Rogers, Shulls, Showers, Treshes and Weiricks.

FAIRFIELD-----The Chaffees, McNabbs, Powells, Storys, Gushwas, and Wells.

SMITHFIELD-----The Baxters, Boyers, Blakers, Corwins, Danks, Daniels, Hemstreets, Holmes, Krums, Kelleys, McCoshes, Smiths, and Walkers.

FRANKLIN-----The Aldriches, Balls, Bowmans, Bucks, Beards, Crains, Dirrims, Ducks, Firestones, Houltons, Holmes, Hammonds, Jones, Jackmans, Jeffords, Keeps, Lews, Manns, McQueens, McCurdys, McAllisters, Myers, Nidigs, Nelsons, Olds, Porters, Packers, Rudes, Stambaughs, Shulls, Snooks, Thurstons, Watermans, and Wilsons.

TROY-----The Burdicks, Cathers, Casebeers, Colls, Emersons, Eddys, Helwigs, Jennings, Kniselys, Larneds, McClures, McClellans, McDaniels, Stearns, Willards, Waydleichs, and Zimmermans.

Those still living I do not mention. They, or at least a great many of them, are here to-day to speak for themselves. The men I have named were actively identified with the material interests of our county; their houses were ever the center of a liberal hospitality, and many brought to bear upon the difficulties and privations of pioneer life more than ordinary good judgement and natural ability. Many of them were thoroughly well educated, and had the energy and perseverance so highly necessary in a pioneer. Many led lives of devout Christianity, and the Sunday schools and churches they established are all over our county as lasting monuments to their memories and the foundations of our moral and social society to-day.

The men whom I have named, who came here prior to January, came before the period of railroads, before canals were dug, and many of them before the roads were cut and bridges built. Just think of it, that thirty-five years ago the residents of our county had never seen a railroad car, and we have over a hundred miles of railroad tracks in the county to-day, and 200 trains daily through it. There was not then in the county a steam engine; there was not one cook-stove in a dozen families. What kind of a dinner do you suppose the cooks of to-day would get up without a cook-stove? They had never even heard of kerosene oil for illuminating purposes. Matches--do you recollect the name, Lucifer matches, were hard to obtain, and only a few could afford the luxury. Why, the old-fashioned grain cradle, now out of use, was then just introduced. We had no such reapers and mowers and machinery for threshing and agricultural purposes that is now stacked on almost every forty-acre farm in the county. I recollect very distinctly the first threshing machine. It indeed was a beauty. It did not even separate the grain from the chaff and straw. It was brought into the county by John Zimmerman, who then resided on the Houk farm, in Jackson Township. He was the father of Mr. Elias Zimmerman, of this place. In fact, it would now be a novelty, and, as it did then, would now draw crowds when set to work; and, to use a homely expression, it was the "biggest thing out". Instead of being several weeks in flailing,

tramping and winnowing out a hundred bushels of wheat, the farmer, with that threshing machine, could thresh out that quantity in a day, and then take time to run it through the fanning mill. And when he had the wheat ready for market, then, he would have to take about three days to carry a load of twenty-five or thirty bushels to Fort Wayne and sell it for 50 or 60 cents a bushel. This, of course, was after they had been here ten or twelve years. My friends, just think that to-day there is not a farmer in this county but who can market from his farm a load of forty bushels in an hour and a half's time in some railroad elevator. Corn had a value then proportioned to wheat, the same as now. Pork then ranged at $1.50 to $2.00 per hundred pounds.

Let us look at our county as it was in 1845 from another view: Total amount of taxes assessed for all purposes that year $8,339--Tax duplicate in 1880, $118,000--Total value of all taxables in 1845--$589,000--Total value of all taxables in 1880, $6,600,000-County taxes levied in 1845, $1,331--County taxes in 1880, nearly $40,000--No. of polls in 1845, 731--No. of polls in 1880, 5,200.

Concord township at that time was the most wealthy and populous in the county. It had a taxables, $67,000--This (Union) then had, $55,000. Concord had the most polls--102; Wilmington and Franklin next, each having 87; Union had 79, Butler 78, Jackson 77.

In about two months it will be thirty-seven years since I was brought to this county by my parents, settling in Spencerville, then the most wealthy and populous part of the county. Having a grist and saw mill, post office, stores, ashery and other isignia of a new town in the new county, Spencerville commanded the trade of a large territory. At those times we knew all the people who made their appearance in town, and if we did not know their names we soon found out by asking. Let us look at the citizens of Spencerville to-day. I have carefully thought of and looked for all I then knew so well, and to-day there are but two persons alive and residing in that town who lived there in 1844, and they are Squire Barney and Dr. Emanuel. Their wives, and noble women they were, have long since been gathered to their rest.

Now let us go among the farmers of Concord Township and see if we can find some old, familiar faces who were on the same farms thirty-seven years ago. Of those who then owned and still reside on the same farms, I am able to find only eight men---Robert Culbertson, Sol. Woodcox, Henry Robinson, Jonathan Boyle, Samuel Wasson, David Shull, John Shutt and William Henderson. But there are some who still reside on the farm as then, having succeeded their parents. Some of these are John Widney, Erastus White, Jackson Moody, Daniel and David Butler, Mort Milliman, Milas Rhodes and mother, and Emillus Case and mother, and R.G. Coburn.

Now, my friends, let me change the scene. Let the curtain exhibit this village of Auburn in December, 1856, now nearly twenty-five years ago, when I located here. Upon inquiry you will find only ten families occupying the same homes as then, viz: Dr. Ford, Mrs. Leasure, Mrs. Mott, George Brandt, G.W. Stahl, Major Sprott, James Brinkerhoff,

Mrs. J. Jones, and Mrs. Houghton, upon whose grounds we are now assembled----ten in all. Besides those named, the following families still reside in town, as in December, 1856: S.W. Ralston, S.B. Ward, J.W. Case, Lewis Bowers, James and Hiram Griswold, Mrs. Puffenberger, Mrs. Stephen Latson, George Wagoner, Mrs. C.S. Hare and Mrs. W.A. Sawrey, eleven; in all, twenty-one families. But of these twenty-one families, death has entered and carried away a husband or a wife in all but eight.

Let us go out on the streets and ramble among the business men and houses, about the mills, shops and in the professional ranks; examine the faces of these active men and see if any are here to-day still engaged in the same business as twenty-five years ago. I look carefully and find but three. Not counting Dr. Ford, who has retired from active practice, I find James W. Case, then and now a mechanic. I see also G.W. Stahl still cutting out pants and cooking the same old goose he did of yore, laughing just as joyously, but not so vigorously. The third, myself, and humble follower of Blackstone and Kent. Those of my profession, where are they? Judge Mott, good old soul, who never by word or action intended a wrong, and his son Sheridan, bright, brilliant and promising, father and son lie side by side and fill honored graves at their old homestead. T.R. Dickinson, though eccentric, yet abounding in enterprise and integrity, as good a neighbor and citizen as ever lived, is buried in Waterloo. His son Timothy, of many rare qualities, is now only a breathing corpse, dying a slow death of softening of the brain, induced by over mental and physical labor. A.S. Blake is in Denver, Col. S.J. Stoughton and S.W. Dickinson, I believe, are dead. James Brinkerhoff is and has been an invalid for years, and out of practice. An last of all, Judge Morris, a name honored and spoken of with reverence by all old settlers, resides at Fort Wayne, and is now the peer if not the superior in legal lore, in varied and enlarged intellectual attainments, and in unsullied integrity, of any of his distinguished associates upon our supreme bench. Indeed

"I feel like one who threads alone
Some banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled, whose garland dead,
And all but me departed."

Twenty-five years ago we thought we had a 'staving' nice town here. There was not a steam or flouring mill in it; not a wheel turned by steam-power; not a baker, meat shop, family grocery store, nor even a millinery or barber shop here. Of the young men of our town on whom devolved the responsibility of taking care of the social affairs, I now recall Philip Fluke, then tanning leather, making money and gadding all over the country; Judge McClellan was shoving a pen in the auditor's office. Our present good-looking sheriff, 'Gust Leas, Ame Park, now of Kendallville, and Lewis Ochs, a brother of Simon and Isaac Ochs, were all clerks in dry-goods stores. The two Weaver boys, Eli and Enos, were running drug stores, and sometimes horses, but always after the girls.

Steve For[illegible]Whead. Griswold and Tom Gross, who were born tired, were not permanently engaged at anything, but were ready to snap up any good offer that presented itself. Ex-Auditor Hague and Thad. Meese were taking first lessons in making boots and shoes, under the lynx eyes of Isaac Brandt. John Somers was then, as now, temporarily absent in the Western mountains, engaged in the pleasant pastime of killing Indians and picking up nuggets of gold. At the same time, we claimed as belonging to our crowd two others (still veterans in the cause), Uncles Jacob Somers and Moses Brandon, then just as desirable 'catches' as they are to-day. I do believe they are engaged in the fatal game of wearing each other out by seeing which can outlive the other in the state of 'single blessedness."

We then had a younger class coming on, then just in their teens, who were neither man nor beast--the liveliest set of miscreants you ever knew--If you would catch out at night, Dick and Guy Plumb, Jack and Coop. Ralston, Sam and Clark Ford, the Mott boys, Joe Loveland, Bill Tinney, Dry Houghton, Harry Ward, Sam Puff and a few others I could mention, you would next morning find there had been done more gilt-edged, clear-out, mischievous devilment, than could have been accomplished in a week by a regiment of old settlers, all of who to-day are good business men and citizens, and alive, except poor Clark Ford and Sheridan Mott, who sacrificed their young lives upon their country's alter.

Notwithstanding the privations and exposures of these early times, which you, my aged friends, have passed through and encountered, when I look around me and behold your ruddy and gladsome faces, I must say as you will undoubtedly tell me, these cares of life, these many years, and nature itself has dealt lightly and gently with you. When we think back (even those of my age and those still younger, and some so many years your juniors) and revive and recount the vicissitudes of life, the many trials, vexations and disappointments, with the foolish and unwise exposures which we might or could have been avoided, and the almost, if not entirely criminal indulges of our passions and appetites, we are surpised that we are still alive and are not older in appearance, or in a worse physical condition than we are. The compensating and recuperating powers of nature are indeed wonderful. All seems to work for the best. How terrible life would be were there none of those compensating and curing powers to come to us? We have sickness and pain, mutilated limbs, sore afflictions of body and mind, we stand by the dying bed of our children, our sons, daughters, companions, and feel as though it is impossible to give them up, as I know some of you have felt. Yet, although a deep scar may be left to mark the injury done, it does not kill, and in the mutations of life, the poigniancy of grief is assuaged, and the occurrence scarcely thought of. The dark and dreary clouds of life will in time dissolve, and the bright sun with its warm rays, the pleasant hours, the kind friends and the beauties of this life will appear and if we will only permit nature to have its way, the beautiful side will appear; but if we drown down nature in its efforts to cure these wounds, if we but ponder and dream only of the dark side, permit that side to be uppermost in our thoughts, we are looking through the glass darkly. We become melancholy, sour and morose. Although we may have trouble and pain and we must expect hem) there is a great abundance of joy, happiness and pleasure in the world. It is a pleasant world to live in. If we could only make up our minds to be satisfied, and be contented with our lot.

Even in early days, when the pioneers were undergoing the privations I have spoken of, they had a very large amount of the real pleasures of life; and when an opportunity afforded, it was enjoyed with a relish equally as well as now. It certainly was true enjoyment to help a neighbor raise a house or a barn, do his logging, have quilting and sewing bees, dance on the puncheons in the cabins, take your girl up behind you on horseback and carry her through the woods six, eight or ten miles to some gathering; and she would have to hold on awfully tight or she would be brushed off the horse by the limbs or trunks of the trees. Think of the making of sugar, hunting bee trees, gathering cranberries, wild plums, cherries, grapes, crab-apples, all kinds of nuts and ginseng. Think of the excellent hunting and fishing there was here then; all kinds and in large quantities were the fish, wild fowls and wild animals.

They had other pleasures; and were as keen then to devise and play off some joke, prank or sport at each other's expense as their sons and daughters are of to-day. For the purpose of showing by its sequel the good heart of one of its actors, of the many I have heard I will mention only one. I take the now oldest settler in the county; and because he is such I take the liberty of using his name, he feeling well assured that I would not set down aught in the malice. It seems that long years ago, at least forty, Samuel Wasson unsuspectingly entered into a contract with that ever-practical joker, shrewd lawyer and afterward honored judge, R.E. Dawson, whereby Wasson agreed to let Dawson strike Wasson three strokes with a raw-hide---then Wasson was to strike Dawson five strokes with the same instrument, Wasson agreeing before-hand that he would not touch Dawson until he had given him all his three strokes. Dawson was a strong and powerful man, and probably struck harder than he intended; but after striking Wasson only twice he hurriedly put away the raw-hide and concluded to postpone indefinitely the giving to Wasson of the last stroke. He felt safe because he had Wasson's word, which then, as now, was as good as a bond, that Wasson would not strike. Wasson demanded the other lick and to have the contract fulfilled at once. Dawson argued that by the contract he could take all the time he wanted to finish up his work. Wasson begged and demanded, and Dawson was equally stubborn and determined in his way. The truth was that thereafter on that day it was not very quiet on the St. Joesph. Dawson always thereafter kept postponing the execution of his contract, and Wasson ever waiting, watching and wishing to have Dawson strike him. They lived within a mile of each other for twenty years but

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were not as friendly as they ought to have been and be neighbors.

Twenty-two years ago the 15th of last month, a man at Spencerville, with his weeping wife and three little boys by his side, and other mourning friends around, lay dying. Many of his neighbors were there to take their last look and render assistance. A few moments after midnight, after a few gasps, and Reuben J. Dawson was dead. Wasson was not present, but Dawson had not been dead five minutes before the tall, bent form and shaggy beard of Samuel Wasson came into that house of mourning from the darkness outside, where he had been silently and alone awaiting the crisis. As tenderly as a sister would, he gently carried the little boys and weeping widow to their rooms, and with his own hands shaved, dressed and fitted for sepulture the body of that neighbor. The next day, solitary and alone, with his shovel and mattock, Wasson wended his way to the village grave-yard, and, with his own hands and strength, dug and prepared the grave of one whom he had thought had so grievously wronged him. And there in that grave, that day, Samuel Wasson buried all the ill will, hatred or malice he ever had against Dawson. My friend, such is only one of many of the great big, noble hearts of the Old Settlers. A great big, warm heart of that kind is worth more, to a man than all the land now owned by Lockwood. And when such men or women die, there are more bitter tears shed and sadder hearts around their graves than there was around the bier of that railroad magnate and millionaire, Thomas S. Scott, a few days ago.

A few more words, my friends, and I close, I have spoken more fully of Concord-tp. and Auburn, than of other localities of the county. It was only because that in them I have lived nearly my whole life. Other parts of the county are just as beautiful and pleasant to you as Concord and Auburn are to me. They are all dear, sacred and hallowed spots. All over this county, in every school district you will find hearts who worship and idolize each spot. Here it was that long years ago, with your companions, you sought to make a home, here your children were born and with parents, children and companions, here lay buried, your dead. Let us all hallow and keep green in our hearts these sacred spots. We some times shudder when we think we too must be laid beneath the clods of the valley, but yet it is our uppermost desire and wish that when we shall have paid the last and final duet of nature, our dust shall be permitted to mingle with that of our kindred dead. In the village church-yard near Spencerville, lies all that is mortal of my parents. Here in our cemetery, almost within the sound of thy voice, also lies moldering in dust the little forms of three of my children. To-day let us again reconsecrate these spots, let us revive the sacred memories of other days, and of former acquaintances, and when we return to our homes to-night let us realize that it is the most sacred spot on earth.

My friends, excuse me a moment by bothering you with a little more poetry. It is true that persons as old as you and I, who have received the hard blows and ugly strokes through life, have about all the music and poetry there ever

was in us pretty well knocked out. But when the poetry strikes the right chord it answers the same purpose now just as well as at any time.

My address had been somewhat sombre and solemn; I cannot leave you in that frame of mind. Excuse me a moment while I bother you with a little more poetry. It is not old, nor Scottish, nor Irish, as that which I have read. It is quite modern, it is American, too; and to still make it better and refine it down, it is American of African descent. It is an address to the members of the Lime Kiln Club, and published in the Detroit FREE PRESS.

Here it is:"

THE LIME KILN GLEE CLUB CHORUS.

Yes, we am passin' down de lane,
An' haltin' by de way,
Jist long 'nuff to rest our limbs,
An' fur de chil'en pray;
Las' Sunday preacher Gordon said;
"De march will soon be o'er,
An' all de ole folks safely cross
Upon dat shinin' shore.
Chorus-------But old folks am jolly folks,
An' while we wait to go,
Let's gin de fiddle lots or work,
An' rush de ole banjo.

Dar Uncle Daniel, he am lame,
An' Peter White am bald,
An' Diana Rock an' ole Aunt Chlo'
Am waitin' to be called;
An' Trustee Pullback says to me'
"De summons soon mus' come,
For you an' me an' us ole folks
to tote our baggage home.
Chorus-------
Dar's Pickles Smith an' Daddy Toots
A-nearin' of dar end,
An' Deacon Spooner an' his wife
Am crutchin' round de bedd;
Aye! us old folks am hangin' on,
An' kinder waitin' round,
To let de chil'en grow a bit
Fo' we go under ground.
Chorus-------But old folks am jolly folks,
An' while we wait to go,
Let's gin de fiddle lots o' work
An' rush de old banjo,"

And now my friends, in bidding you goodbye, I hope and trust that in kind Providence we all, without the loss of one, may be permitted to meet again next year, and be favored to meet at many re-unions; and that, when we have crossed the River of Death, our course through life may meet the approval of our neighbors, and receive recognition of Him who doeth all things well. Adieu.

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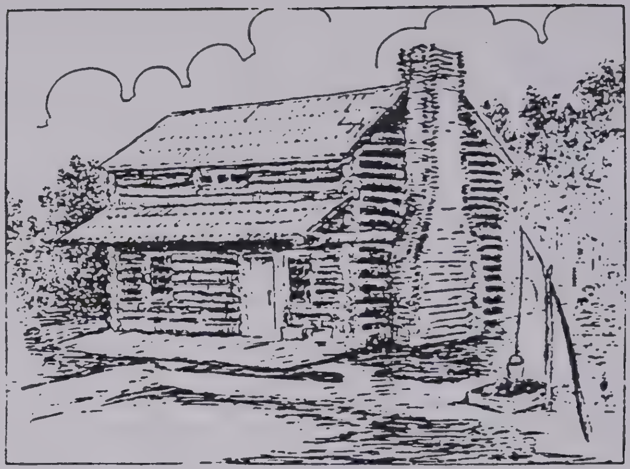

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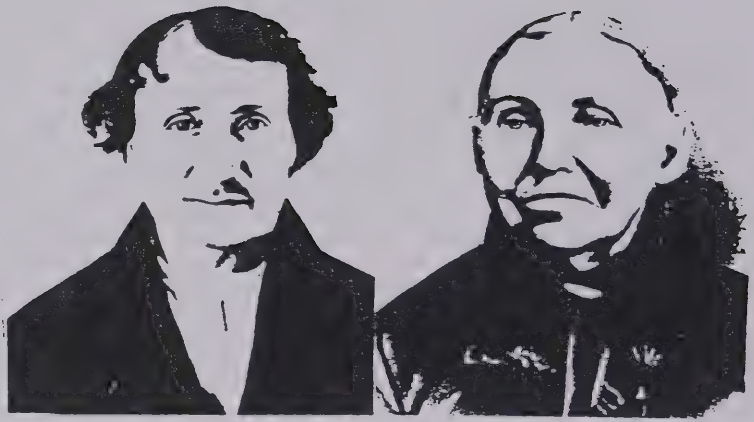

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Old Settlers' Committee.

The committee of arrangements, consisting of Dr. Ford, E.D. Hartman, T.D. Gross, J.W. Baxter, O.C. Clark, J.A. Barnes, C.P. Houser, L.J. Miller and J. E. Rose are requested to meet at the secretary's office at 2 o'clock p. m. saturday May 27. A prompt and full attendance is desired. By order of the chairman.

W.H. Dills Sec'y.

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OLD SETTLERS' REUNION.

An Address Delivered By James E. Rose, at Auburn, June 15, 1882

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen--Reunions have become of frequent occurrence. Those who have been associated together in any particular relationship, especially if the object of the association has been for a philanthropic purpose, after a long separation, or after the objects of the association have been realized, greatly enjoy meeting together and exchanging congratulations over the accomplishment of their common purpose or over each others' sorrows and sympathizing with each other in whatever there has been of life, through which they have been called to pass that has been unpleasant and hard to bear. Our joys are increased by recounting them to our friends, and the burdens of life are diminished, when the sympathy of old time friends is extended toward us in our afflictions. The spirit's burden that weights down old age, becomes as a feather when we realize the presence and encouragement of the friends of our early lives. These reunions afford us an opportunity for the time being of living over again the long past, and drawing from it lessons which enable us the better to enjoy the present. The men, who in the hour of their country's peril, bared their breasts to the leaden bail of rebel bullets to save their country's flag and their country's honor, hold their annual reunions, and live over again all the pleasurable excitement of the march, the bivouac and the battle. The shrieking fife and the rolling drum, the rifle's sharp crack and the cannon's reverberating roar, as the mimic battle rages, recalls all the enjoyable qualities of the real battle, relieved of its attendant dangers and suffering. And, for the time being, the halting, limping step that has characterized the unfortunate patriot for a score of years is forgotten by himself, and unnoticed by others, as he marches side by side with the comrades, by whose side he fought real battles years ago.

The college students, who for four years, during the incubation of their manhood, racked their overtaxed minds over difficult mathematical problems until reason almost tottered on her throne, or conned Greek roots, prefixed and suffixed until in their wearied frenzy they would gladly

attend the obsequius of language that has been dead for centuries, hold their reunions, at which they recount the experiences of college, and live over again their youth. And the most dignified men of the age at their alumni gatherings in their recitals of college life experiences, prove the truthfulness of the old adage that "boys are boys the world around". For a time the elasticity of youth returns and reanimates the grembling frame of the venerable sage, and lends to life a buoyancy and pleasure that could not flow from any other source. The pilgrims, while living, and their descendants after their death, from the time of their landing on Plymouth Rock to the present time have had their annual reunions on the anniversary in this country, and at there reunions they gather the relics of two centuries ago in honor of the names of their noble ancestry, whose love of freedom, and independence, and devotion to principle, did so much to make New England, in morality and industry what it is to-day. These reunions are induced by the friendly feeling which grows up among those engaged in a common work where hardships are undergone, and sacrifices made to accomplish a common purpose,

"When our lives were linked together, and our
young hearts bloomed out
"Like violet bells upon the self same stem,
"Pouring the dewy odors of life's spring
"Into each others bosoms.

In imitation of this custom, the pioneers of the county, those by whose personal efforts and personal sacrifices, the vast and apparently impenetrable wilderness has been subdued and, as if by magic, the cultivated farm with its palatial home, and wide stretching fields, its lowing herds and waving grain, the school house, the church, the village and the busy city have appeared, meet in annual reunions, in their several localities to revere the memories of the long past, and to greet each again on this side of the mysterious river that forms the boundary line between time and eternity. Yes we meet to take each other by the hand as in the "long ago" when in our home spun garb we met at the log cabin raising, or the meeting in the log school house, and renew our pioneer associations, and rekindle the fires of friendship, and paternal feeling that burned so brightly nearly half a century, ago. The pioneer's fire was emblematical of his friendship, although covered for a time, the covering was not to extinguish, but to preserve, and it required but a breath to start it into a flame; and it requires but a moment for memory to go back too the pioneer days of this country, and from its store house of sacred relics bring forth for our consideration and enjoyment pictures of things that then existed, and by comparing them with what exists to day determine what advancements we have made in the time that has intervened. Professor Swing in the preface to his lectures, entitled, "Motive of Life" expresses the following beautiful thoughts. "Visiting a large forest in June, you cannot bear

home wit[illegible]ou all its great old trees; you may carry back only a few boughs from elm and oak." So with us, today. I cannot bring back, from memory's store house all the noble deeds of the pioneer. I cannot recount all that would be interesting to hear, of the experiences and incidents of pioneer life in the time allotted to me; but I hope to be able to present to your consideration a few reminders of the great and noble achievements of the pioneers, and some of the peculiarities of their mode of life, which may instruct the young and interest the old. And, looking back over the history of this county from its first settlement, for I have witnessed the facts from which most of that history has been made; and contemplating the vast field of labor and sacrifices and incidents that might be made subservient to my purpose on this occasion, it is difficult for me to determine with what branch of the work of the pioneers to commence this examination of what they have accomplished. As the friendly greetings of to day so vividly remind me of those at the religious meetings held by the pioneers in the log school house, I will ask you to go with me to one of them and consider its surroundings. We had no church edifices then, with cushioned pews and carpeted aisles, with deep toned organ and voice trained choir. No white gloved usher to conduct you to a seat, with a soft and easy grace, all assumed, that would have made a fairy blush. No gilded carriage, no liveried coachman to convey you to the palatial church at the call of the deep toned bell, pealing out its reverberating notes of welcome in the mellow air of the Sabbath morning. Nor vestibule with its French mirror, at whose shrine every fashionable lady must do homage before entering the place dedicated to the worship of God. No cushioned and tassellated pulpit and upholstered chairs.

No, we had none of these luxuries connected with in worship of God in those pioneer days. The log school house answered the tripple purpose of schoolhouse, church, and town hall. The congregation consisted of the neighborhood for miles around. The minister "rode the circuit" comprised a territory embracing several counties, and equal in area to the whole state of Rhode Island. These trips were made on horseback, and the circuit rider carried with him a huge pair of saddle-bags, in which was stowed away his bible and hymn-book, a clean shirt and few copies of Baxter's saints rest, for sale. He was made to feel himself at home wherever he stopped by the homely and heart-felt hospitality with which he was entertained by the pioneers in their log-cabin homes. The coming of the preacher, was a welcome event in the household, as he brought the news from other neighborhoods, which be visited on his circuit. It would amuse, and probably, in some things, instruct, the young man and young woman of the present day to witness a "quarterly meeting" such as we had among the pioneers. Now, no young man can think of entering society until he becomes the possessor of a covered carriage, nickle-plated harness and a fine horse, and until he is supplied with this outfit he receives but little consideration from the average young lady; but in those pioneer days the young man on whom such paternal kindness was

bestowed as to be favored with the use of the family horse to attend quarterly meeting with, was a desirable catch for the most ambitious young lady of his acquaintance. Equipped with horse, saddle and bridle and coverlet or quilt thrown over the saddle and extending back to the horse's hips, he went to the house of the most popular young lady in the neighborhood, with as much pride as the kid-gloved young man of to-day drives his 2:40 horse and gilded carriage to the palatial home of his lady friend; and with his girl mounted behind him, her arms around his waist to prevent falling off, the journey was commenced. As these meetings were attended by people who came several miles, it was not an unusual sight to see a procession of eighteen or twenty couples, thus mounted two on one horse, wending their way to the place of worship. A horse that would not carry double could not be sold to a pioneer in those days at any price, if the young men of the family were consulted in regard to the purchase.

There are before me to-day, men now well down the sunny side of life whom I have seen on their way to meeting on horseback with their girls behind them. Farm wagons drawn by oxen was the usual mode of conveyance to meetings and other places to which the pioneers went if the distance was great but to walk three or four miles to meeting or to form an acquaintance of an emigrant recently arrived, was not regarded as much of a task by the pioneer's wife and daughter.

The first school house built in the county, I think was in the Handy settlement, three miles south of the place where the town of Butler now is. It would be a curiosity now. Permit me to describe it to-day as it stood more than forty years ago. It was built of round logs, that is unhewn logs, and sixteen feet wide and twenty-four long, with a puncheon floor, and a sled-runner chimney; a fire place extending across one end of the building and a door near the corner in the side. The chimney was make of mud and sticks and was so large at the top that much of the light that illuminated the literary path of the students during the weeks; or the spiritual path of the church goer on Sunday, came down the chimney through the smoke. At the end of the room opposite the fire place, was the window which consisted of a row of "seven by nine" glass, occupying the place of a log that had been left out when the house was raised. The window was nine inches high and sixteen feet long, and when a snow ball passing through the air without the aid of human agency, for no boy ever threw a snow balls that hit a window, and a pane of glass was broken its place was supplied by a piece of oiled paper. These were usually supplanted with glass at the commencement of a term; the number of accidents of that mysterious nature that transpired during the term could be determined by the number of greased papers in the window and were not exceedingly translucent during cold cloudy days, when the door must be kept shut, the whole school literally groped in darkness. The writing desk was a hewn puncheon placed against the wall, at an angle of forty-five degrees, in front of the window, and seat a seat at the writing desk was a post of honor enjoyed only by the large scholars, and

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"The last name is given first, whenever it appeared the next grave belonged to the s

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Annie, daughter of A.G. & M. Comparet, died October 11, 1866, 2y 9m 20d.

George J., son of R.G. & E. Scamp, died September 28, 1868, 15y 6m 16d.

Catharine Buhgard, mother, died April 28, 1878, 85y 7m 13d.

Sarah Bunhard, (Sallie), died January 4, 1894, 77y 2m 24d.

Minnie F., daughter of E. & E. Turney, died October 28, 1873, 4y 6d.

Laooisa, wife of S. Swetland, died August 3, 1866, 24y 10m 23d.

Swetland, Henry N., 1833 - 1902
Mary A., 1832 - 1881
Minnie S., 1869
Anna R., 1870 - 1878
Ida M., 1874 - 1891

Harland, son of E. & H. Edson, died March 6, 1876, 8m 10d.

Smith, Philander, 1824 - 1894 (flag)
Caroline, wife, 1833 - 1916
Elsworth, 1869 - 1895
Lucy, 1854 - 1875
Laura, 1861 - 1864

Lurette

Woodcox, Audry, 10 years
Claudia, 1 year

Young, Lucinda, January 12, 1842 - June 17, 1917.
Alice M., daughter, April 8, 1868 - June 5, 1888.
Clarence A., son, December 5, 1878 - November 1, 1881.
Children of A. & L.

Young, Amos, December 28, 1822 - January 17, 1897.
Elizabeth, wife, died April 21, 1865, 28y 6m 25d.
Lydia Jane, daughter, died May 4, 1865, 4y 5m 9d.
Ida E., daughter, died March 27, 1864 - September 21, 1881.

Countryman, Jacob, died April 12, 1873, 66y 7m 6d.
Lydia, wife, died September 2, 1868, 57y 9m 7d

Mary, wife of Frank Countryman, died May 15, 1882, 28y 7m 7d

Engle, George, 1870 - 1953
Lillie J., 1879 - 1950

Gibson, Lawrence M., 1842 - 1913, Co. H., 88 Ind. Inf.
Mary, wife 1842 - 1881

Smith, Catherine, mother, 1833 - 1905,
Nelson L., father, 1832 - 1919 (flag)

Blair, John, died August 26, 1866, 71y 8m 21d
Margaret, wife, died October 4, 1877, 86y

Myers, Jacob M., October 30, 1798 - March 31, 1873
Elizabeth, wife, April 26, 1814 - September 11, 1891

Norman

Mary J. Hoyt, wife of John W. Smith, 1827 - 1913, mother.

Erlsten, William, died October 16, 1879, 59y 4m 17d.
Elizabeth, wife, died November 4, 1863, 38y 8m 23d.

Jane, wife of J. Gibson, died March 8, 1864, 64y 6m 23d.

Engle, Daniel, April 19, 1839 - June 24, 1904
Susann, wife April 2, 1841

Barber, Jerry A., 1851 - 1939
Laura G., 1851 - 1935

John William Barber, Indiana PFC, MD, World War I.
September 9, 1892 - August 14, 1953.

Lura Isabelle, daughter of A. & H. Smith, died July 25, 1870, 17y 1m 12d.

Woodcox, Cornelius, died May 28, 1864, 57y 2m 4d
Mary, wife, died December 14, 1882, 66y 11m 18d

Woodcox, Jennie R., wife of G. W., 1839 - 1869
Winnie, 1y 1m

Cole, Lewis, died February 4, 1881, 74y 10m 7d
Clarissa, died August 23, 1911, 96y 8m 6d
Mortimer G., son, died November 6, 1863, 13y 4m 13d

Mason, Roy, son, died March 15, 1883, 1y 3d
Minnie M., daughter, died September 25, 1867, 1y 10m 10d
Children of A. H. & M.

Joseph J. Mason, 1846 - 1882 (flag)

Wallace Webster, 1904 - 1930

Martha A., wife of John Wyckoff, died February 14, 1867, 33y 2m 24d

Gutherie, Walter O., son, died July 17, 1886, 24y 1m 19d
Etta, daughter, died August 3, 1877, 6y 10m
Children of W. & E.

Caldwell, Timothy, father, died May 1865, 74 years
Martha M., mother, died May 20, 1889, 90 years

Hamilton, Gavin, 1792 - 1875
Anna B., wife, 1801 - 1865
William, son, 1829 - 1921
James M., son, 1831 - 1916

Isaac E. Bradley, died January 24, 1880, 34y 2m

Bradley, Frank, 1870 - 1946
Eura Belle, 1890 - 1959

Ella, daughter of H. & L.A. Westel, died April 25, 1863, 2y 1m 6d

Robertson, Collen, father, died June 5, 1862, 56y 7m 16d
Hannah, wife & mother, died February 27, 1891, 77y 7m 2d
Clarence, foster son, died April 15, 1870, 18y 16d

My darling Sussie

Headley, Rebecca, wife, died May 12, 1864, 46y 4m 12d
Samuel, died July 22, 1881, 73y 6m 22d

Alexander Bailey, died August 4, 1864, 51y 6m 3d

Taylor, Lola, daughter, died February 1, 1872, 2y 3m 22d
Gay F., son, died September 3, 1868, 2m 17d
Children of W.H. & R.D.

Herrick, Lott, 1795 - 1872, 77 years
Lola, wife, 1798 - 1873, 75 years
Alonzo, 1819 - 1847
Albert, 1821 - 1836
David, 1829 - 1852
Caroline, 1825 - 1849

Hart, Fredrick, died January 20, 1892, 84y 8m 22d
Susan, wife, died August 29, 1870, 65y 1m

Luthera Ann Smith, December 24, 1880 - August 27, 1881

Smith, Andrew, 1814 - 1896
Elizabeth, 1819 - 1842
Lusanna, 1821 - 1862
Luthera A., 1832 - 1880

Maggie, 1825 - 1888
Marshall B., son of Lusanna, 1856 - 1858
two infants of Luthera A.,
Geo. R., 1844 - 1916
Murray A., 1849 - 1932

Alice C., daughter of David & Ruth Vinton, died January 24, 1863, 2y 11m 2d

Landis, Mary, daughter of A. & E., died January 24, 1863, 25 days

Absolom, died November 27, 1865, 39y 6d

Tabitha Ann, daughter of C. & S.A. Hootman, died March 9, 1862, 9y 5m 10d

Melvina L., daughter of W. & S. Thompson, died October 3, 1861, 8y 2m 8d

Hawkins, William H., May 28, 1810 - August 14, 1877
Mary E., June 29, 1825 - December 19, 1876
Willie E., son, March 22, 1865 - August 1, 1865
James A., son, December 24, 1858 - September 1, 1859
Mary P. Dodge, June 22, 1800 - August 30, 1872

Wyatt, Elmore Elda, son, died January 26, 1873, 26 years
Elmer, 1842 - 1918
Julia, wife, 1845 - 1927
Mary M., daughter, 1873 - 1877
Elmer E.,son, 1872 - 1872

Wyatt, Matilda, 1801 - 1860 mother
Samuel, 1801 - 1893 father

✓ Widney, Jane, wife, died July 26, 1862, 27y 11m
Joseph B., died at Bowlingreen

✓ Widney, Rosetta Ann, daughter, died November 2, 1860, 5y 2m 5d
Wiliam Lester, son, died November 5, 1860, 2y 2m 5d
Children of C.W. & N.C.
Nancy, wife of Charles W., died September 30, 1872, 49y 3d

Saylor, Charlie, son of S. & H., died October 17, 1870, 3y 2m 24d
Elizabeth, wife of Samuel, died October 25, 1861, 24y 9m 25d
Delbert L., son of S. & R., died March 17, 1875, 5m 14d
Eva May, daughter of S. & R., died August 29, 1875, 2y 4m 3d
Samual, died November 15, 1867, 72 years (flag)
Catherine, wife, died September 11, 1875, 80 years
Lydia A., daughter of S. & E.M., died November 25, 1875, 19y 20d

Anna, daughtr of A. & M. krabill, March 12, 1871 - September 6, 1876

Little Mary

Joshua, son of J. & M.A. Davis, died March 11, 1879, 30y 1m 6d

Rosa A., wife of J.S. France, October 11, 1836 - October 13, 1886

* Shilling, Clara A., wife of D., died Daniel - Annette
Frankie, son, died

Widney, Rev. S.W., died in Service of his country at Bulls Gap, East Tenn.,
April 20, 1865, 44y 5m 3d, (flag)
Matilda J., wife, died March 10, 1909, 82y 6m
Cyrus A., died & buried in Clinton Co., Indiana,
September 5, 1849, 4y 4m 20d
John R.P., died & buried in Miami Co., Indiana,
June 17, 1847, 1m 1d
Little Posey, died & buried in DeKalb Co., Indiana,
June 22, 1863, 3 weeks

Isaac Snively, died September 29, 1867, 23y 8m 19d, (flag)

Harvey D. Hathaway, Co. A., 13 Ind. Inf.

Jerosha, wife of Henry Robertson, died October 22, 1861, 37y 1m

Elizabeth F., daughter of C.D. & A. Hartsuck, died December 11, 1859, 16y 11m

Fennie H. L. Herrick

Kinmont, Nancy, wife, died February 28, 1860, 32y 11m 15d
Eva, died March 20, 1868, 2y 8d
Louis, died February 29, 1860, 2y 8m 9d

Two infant children of A. & B. Kinmont

J.S. DeLong, died November 26, 1884, 31y 11m 9d

DeLong, Solomon, died April 17, 1873, 57y 7m 7d, (flag)
Maria L., died March 28, 1912, 90y 3m 17d
John L., son, died March 26, 1862, 19y 11m 18d
"He was wounded at Fort Donaldson & died at New Albany, Ind."
Soldier, Co. E., 11 Reg., Ind. V., U.S.A.
Morris, son, died August 21, 1838, 3y 5m 21d
Alfred S., died April 28, 1873, 24y 9m 2d, (flag)

Frankey, son of H.W. & L.S. Hatch, died August 30, 1859, 11m 4d

Margaret, wife of Manley Brace, died February 1, 1863, 70y 11m 18d

Benman, David, died September 21, 1881, 74y 5m 22d (fla
Denman Elisabeth, wife, died September 28, 1885, 73y 7m 28d

Hull, Charles F., son, died August 22, 1866, 7y 3m 1d
Ida, daughter, March 16, 1865, 1y 3m 1d
Children of Henry & Melissa.

Hull, Henry, died January 20, 1861, 87y 2m 1d
Christena, wife, died June 11, 1859, 83y 1d

Martin Hull, died October 7, 1861, 52y 10m 19d, (flag)

Orange Tim Jenkins, 1845 - 1906

Carrie, daughter of G. & A. Patterson, died September 4, 1868, 8 months

Nellie, daughter of W.H. & E. Hart, died September 25, 1868, 2y 5m 25d

Andrews, Jeremiah, 1836 - 1907
Mary E., 1841 - 1927

Nora, 1869 - 1871
Collin C., 1872 - 1936
Maud C., 1882 -

Myrta, daughter of G.W. & E.A. Freeburn, died May 25, 1867, 1m 23d

Mother

Fusselman, Almeda
Henry
Licester I., son H. & A.M., died in hospital at Resara, Ga., May 18,
Co. H., 88 Reg., Ind. I.V., (flag)

Ida May, daughter of G. & R.R. Carver, died September 25, 1861, 1y 1m 23d

John Meese, died January 26, 1861, 62y 26d

Giles H. Brundages, January 28, 1839 - May 2, 1867, (flag)

Kyle, Chauncey C., son, died October 4, 1874, 8m 20d
Jennie, wife of Geo. W., died January 20, 1874, 21y 4m 3d

Mary P., daughter M.J. & E. Harris, died April 1862, 3m 15d

Robert Mathews, March 9, 1845 - March 9, 1867, (flag)

Hull, Dr. Henry, 1815 - 1898
Melissa, 1824 - 1905
Thomas M., 1866

Dawson, Lorenzo, died June 4, 1870, 55y 7m 16d
Eveline C., wife, died February 27, 1860, 40y 7m 15d
Viola S., died September 11, 1860, 5y 8m 2d
Clarence J., died November 15, 1860, 2y 5m 25d

Wanemaker, Julia M., wife, died February 7, 1861, 20y 3m 29d
Eva C., daughter of H.H. & J.M., died May 1, 1864, 4y 1m 11d

Stanley D., son of J. & G. Beattie, died December 29, 1872, 2y 3m 13d

Allen McDonald, died September 16, 1889, 26y 1m

Elizabeth, wife of S. Hinsdal, died November 26, 1872, 62y 4m 7d

Rhoda, wife of B. Ovitt, died September 17, 1867, 75 years

Tiffany, Harriet M., daught, died August 26, 1863, 19y 8m 25d
Olive, wife, died February 13, 1873, 60y 6m 2d
Lewis, died October 21, 1878, 67y 13d

Caroline A., daughter of H.J. & L.M. Gee, died May 1, 1871, 5y 5m 17d

Hannah, wife of Henry H. Leonard, died April 14, 1880, 38y 4m 26d

Ashel H., son of W. & L. Webster, died August 30, 1839, 1y 3m 10d

Mary Fuller, May 30, 1836 - September 28, 1906

Father

Levi Smith, died March 23, 1863, 29y 10m 7d, (flag)

Webster, Hazzard, January 11, 1805 - died in California February 6, 1850
Laura, wife, September 22, 1810 - January 4, 1895
John, born April 1847, killed in battle of Stone River, 1862.

Goldsmith, I.B., father
Mother
Sarah
Byron
Allie
Marie

Jasper I., son of J.C. & E. Rose, died August 1, 1858, 6y 1m 2d

Elizabeth Arrants, died August 22, 1897, 76 years

Maggie, wife of J. Ridge, died October 5, 1879, 27y 10m 12d

Losure, Peter, died January 1, 1889, 69y 6m 8d
Sarah, wife, died April 3, 1897, 78 years
Elizabeth, wife, March 15, 1822 - May 15, 1848
Jackie, son of P. & S., died October 30, 1854, 1y 15d

Sophia Blood, 1813 - 1885, 81y 4m 19d

Blood, Leroy H., died April 4, 1863, 19y 3m 22d, (flag)
Albert H., died March 1, 1863, 15y 11m 17d

Seth H., son of D.A. & P. Blood, died June 10, 1850, 30y 1m 15d

Chas. M. Dickover, 1882, 10 weeks

William F., son of G.W. & L. Demoss, died April 7, 1872, 7y 11m

Maxwell, John, January 1, 1798 - April 5, 1852, father
Mary, wife, December 10, 1796 - April 1, 1864
Mary J., daughter, October 4, 1827 - March 1, 1884
Hugh, son, December 27, 1833 - April 13, 1902
Sergt. Co. E, 11 Ind. V. of Capt. Co. G
46 U.S. Col'd. Inf. 1861 - 1865, (flag)
James, son, November 10, 1829 - October 9, 1858
Thomas J., son, February b21, 1836 - September 12, 1871,
Co. A., 9 Ind. Vol. 1861 - 65

Elisabeth, wife of Thomas S. Crocker, died July 20, 1855, 33y 6m 18d

Almeda S., wife of J.W. Wair, 1832 - 1899, 67 years

Edward Boland, died July 12, 1868, 39y 5m 27d

James W. Wair, 1839 - 1917, 77y 1m 5d

Green Yarnell, Jr., died March 2, 1852, 19y 4m 14d

Green, son of P. & S. Yarnell, died July 6, 1854, 1y 4m 10d

Yarnell, Willis P., died February 11, 1861, 1y 8m 4d
Emma B., died February 14, 1851, 5y 9d

Richards, William H., 1854 - 1924
Minnie E., 1885 - 1885
Catherine, 1848 - 1929

Julia F. Like, mother, September 12, 1855 - November 13, 1895

Lana Roberts, mother

Martha, wife of Wm. Richmond, died April 14, 1856, 39 years

Forrest H., son of J.A. & Laura Barber, died February 5, 1885, 8m 27d

Strong, Lydia E., 1859 - 1935
Wm. Leslie, 1849 - 1940

Ida G. Strong, wife of A.G. Harrod, September 4, 1852 - May 3, 1895

Andrews, Asa, doed May 16, 1860, 61y 9m 1d
Clary, wife, died October 9, 1865, 66y 1m 15d
Henry, son, died February 13, 1847, 22y 5m 7d

Baird, Lovela A., daughter, died July 6, 1857, 3m 2d
Lorenzo, died November 8, 1858, 43y 8m 28d
Martha H., daughter L.&L., died May 8, 1865, 10y 11m 16d

Roxeany, wife of Levi Engle, died December 10, 1868, 23y 4m 20d

Akins, Alice, daughter, died August 17, 1850, 6y 4m
John, son, died July 31, 1854, 8y 9m
Children of H. & M.

Moss, Hiram, father April 29, 1844 - March 27, 1868
Charlotte, mother, September 1, 1806 - September 21, 1864

David Humphrey, 1829 - 1854

Thomas Goe, died June 124, 1852

Moody, Joseph L., son, died Camp Dennison, O., Nov. 28, 1861, 16y 4m 21d,
Member Co. F., 129 Regt. I.V.I.
Almira H., wife,died September 6, 1851, 28y 9m
Dwight, died October 28, 1877, 54y
Mary C., wife, died January 11, 1911, 75y 8m

Philip Yarnell, 1820 - 1900, 80y 27d
Co. H., 88 Ind., V.I., (flag)
Monument erected by H.E. Yarnell, Navel Cadet.

Headly, Tirzah M., 1814 - 1904
James , died February 23, 1886, 76y 1m 13d
Emeline, wife, died January 15, 1851, 33 years

Thompson, Syrenes, son, died February 1, 1863, 8y 8m 12d
Orlando, son, died November 5, 1869, 11y 6m 11d
Children of John E. & R.E.

Strong, S.W., March 3, 1829 - January 13, 1902
M.A., wife, August 8, 1834 - July 10, 1885

Thompson, Lucy, wife, died March 8, 1860, 34y 3m 3d
George A., son of Elijah & L., died April 27, 1852, 6m 11d

Strong, Eunice, wife, died July 23, 1847, 56y 7m 14d
Daniel, died September 21, 1850

Lisbone, son of E.B. & M.E. Strong, died May 19, 1858, 1y 2m 24d

Nicolls, John B., died March 5, 1858, 66y 2m 23d, (flag)
Lydia, wife, died March 23, 1881, 73y 1m 5d
Harvey, son, died March 9, 1874, 32y 16d

Friend, Jacob, died March 121, 1879, 67y 4m
Elizabeth, wife, died April 3, 1869, 56y 2d

Miller, J.N., died January 31, 1882, 67y 5m 15d
Almira, wife, died June 27, 1870, 46y 9m 20d

Walden, Arial, June 18, 1788 - July 27, 1863, 75y 1m
Matilda, wife, died September 6, 1854, 40 years
Almira, wife, died July 11, 1850, 60 years
Elijah C., son, died April 20, 1848, 27y 6m
Elisha, son, died February 20, 1854, 6m 20d
Alfred, son, died June 24, 1841, 6y 7m

Frank E., son of J. & J. Sutliff, died July 17, 1854, 2y 9m 4d

Ethel, daughter of L.M. & C.B. Rex, 1873 - 1888

Rex, Julia A., mother, March 7, 1820 - March 27, 1897
Joseph M., died October 21, 1873, 56y 3m 6d
Julia A., daughter, died May 4, 1854, 4y 2m 15d

George J. Rex, died February 25, 1855, 34y 6m 13d

Infant sons of Wm. & m. Meek, died June 25, 1866 & November 5, 1867

Walden, Harry S., son, died March 4, 1854, 4y 4m
Amanda H., wife of guy S., died March 17, 1856, 27 years

Thomas, N.L., died November 30, 1865, 61y 1m 15d
Gracey, died January 9, 1873, 62y 5m 22d

Brandom, Peter H., died November 10, 1884, 80y 1m
Catherine, wife, died December 12, 1861, 49y 6m 8d

Ruan M., wife of E.W. Fosdick, died April 4, 1860, 20y 10m 12d

Erastus Finney, died February 16, 1856, 56y 9m 27d (flag)

Emma A., daughter of E.W. & H.G. Fosdick, died August 15, 1855, 3y 4d

Smith, Myrtle D., daughter, June 28, 1878 - January 11, 1883
Stillman, son, November 8, 1860 - January 22, 1862
Children of A.W. & S.C.

Miller, Ann, March 9, 1810 - October 2, 1897
Jacob, January 10, 1810 - August 1, 1869, (flag)

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Barker, Wm., died June 9, 1839,         46y             3d
         Electa, wife, died Sept 7, 1838,       46y    4m

Bailey, Robert, died July 1, 1860,                48y    7m    29d,    (flag)
        Thomas, son of R. & S., died December 12, 1857,   21y   10m   25d

Salomon, Henry, died April 24, 1882,     49y   3m   14d



Wyatt, Wm. J., died November 25, 1880,    54y   5m   21d
         Ellen, wife, died August 23, 1876,    36y   9m    5d
         Ossie O., aged   11y   5m   11d
         Minnie, aged            12m    9d

Dodge, A., died March 25, 1895,                              89y   8m   21d,   fathe
         Abigail, wife & mother, died December 20, 1866,  51y   1m    4d

Rodarmer, Mary Ann, daughter, died March 22, 1860,             11m
              Bertha R., died September 8, 1864,                         7m    26d
              Catharine R., died August 4, 1849,                    1y   5m    25d
              George H., died September 6, 1861,          18y   9m
                     Co. H., 19 Ind. Vol.
              Eugene I., died May 18, 1873,               15y 10m    27d
              Emey, died January 30, 1848,                  1y  6m    28d
              Lida A., died February 6, 1848,               3y  6m      4d
                     Children of W. H. & L.
              W.H., October 15, 1816 - February 16, 1877,   (flag)
              Leah, wife, March 24, 1819 - June 8, 1897
              Winona J. Caldwell, died August 22, 1862,             6y    6m

✓ Landis, David, December 22, 1800 - November 10, 1876
         Polly Sowers, wife, April 16, 1798 - Sept 5, 1850
         Lucinda, wife of D.R. Reaser, July 16, 1829 - Sept 10, 1855

Hart, John Sr., died August 2, 1862,            82y    10m    29d
        Sarah, died May 3, 1864,                        70y      1m    11d
        Elizabeth, daughter of A. & C. Hart, died June 24, 1854,  6y   6m   21d

---h-ha, daughter of J. & E. Lee, died January 15, 1850,   16y   3m   19d

Barbara, wife of John Glessner, died August 31, 1854,   45 years

Catharine J., daughter of J. & M. Cary died june 27, 1854,   7m   17d

Robinson, Elizabeth, wife, died August 7, 1848,    59 years
             Ralph F., died July 2, 1851,                  55 years
             Thomas E., son, died July 3, 1852,       26y   4m   11d

Oscar F. Smith, died May 26, 1872,   23y   6m   3d

Adam W., son of H. & E. Dungard, died November 14, 1859,   7m   8d

Fuller, George H., son, died May 15, 1859,                         1m   14d
        Sarah A., daughter, died February 6, 1856,   aged 27
        Nathan T.,  1821 - 1904,                                82 years
            Co. F, 44 Ind.   (flag)
        Lucinda, wife, 1835 - 1873,                            38 years
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Rose, John, father, died February 4, 1865, 77y 3d
Sarah, wife & mother, died January 30, 1864, 55y 1m 4d

Charles e., son of S. & L.A. Woodcox, died April 6, 1855, 17y 8m 26d

Little Rosie

Ella, daughter of S.H. & A.A. Bartlett, died January 1, 1863, 3y 7m 21d

Francis Bartlett, died February 29, 1868, 33y 2m 24d, (f
Member Co. F, 44 Reg. I.V.I.

John W. Rose, died September 15, 1860, 44y 8m 15d

Mary C., wife of J. Hatfield, died January 23, 1879

Mari Isabell, wife of James M. Thornbergh, died July 4, 1851, 27 years

Mary

Jonathan Hart, March 30, 1814, - January 22, 1901

Collamere, Orson V., died December 1, 1855, 11m 15d
Jacob V., died July 20, 1855, 2y 10d
Sons of T.O. & M.

Hart, Mary, wife of Jacob, died December 7, 1868, 57y 10m 8d
Joseph R., died Andersonville, Ga., August 8, 1864, 22y 9m 3d
Co. H., 88 Reg. I.V.I.
Sons of Mary & Jacob

Yohe, Isaac, died February 7, 1857, 43y 11m 7d
Joseph son of I. & P., died January 17, 1857, 19y 25d

Jacob Hollinger, died December 25, 1854, 72y 6m 2d

Willard, Polly, daughter, died February 28, 1858, 21y 2m 16d
Adam, son, died January 31, 1876, 29 years
John
Fanny, wife, died September 23, 1886, 79y 11m 2d

Revelt, James K., died January 2, 1843, 11y 10m 13d
John D., died September 1, 1849, 10m
Sons of J. & S.M.

Ira Allen, Jr., died March 21, 1855, 19y 11m 9d

Arolina, wife of Frasier Bartlett, died December 27, 1882, 75 years

Ira Allen, died October 25, 1860, 69y 7m 13d

Hannah, wife of Elijah Bryan, died March 17, 1861, 24y 13d

END OF NORTH SECTION________________________________

Lena Ronk, 1883 - 1917

Adam Chubb, 1844 - 1920, Co. F., 102 O.V.I., (flag)

Brunson, Aden D., father, 1850 - 1918
Alice V., wife & mother, 1851 - 19

Rhoads, Philura A., 1848 - 1926
Joseph M., 1848 - 1926

Miller, William P., 1869 - 1949
Imo, 1876 - 1949

Richmond, Kate, mother, 1876 - 1945
Chubb D., father, 1870 - 1926

Fullmer, Estella B., 1871 - 1948
George S., 1860 - 1929

Robert W. McNabb, 1866 - 1959

Koepp, August C., father, 1856 - 1941
Mattie M., wife & mother, 1861 - 1920

Lyon, Mable E., 1883 - 1967
Frank E., 1882 - 1940

Lyon, John L., father, 1855 - 1928
Lovina L., wife & mother, 1851 - 1912

John Hull, father, 1863 - 1932

Benj. F. Hull, Co. D., 177 Ohio Inf., (flag)

Benninghoff, Sarah E. (Lizzie), 1880 - 1941
William F., 1877 - 1953

Smith, Champlin, died July 23, 1892, 92y 1m 11d
Emily, wife, died August 12, 1875, 70y 9m

Beard, John F., 1873 - 1928
Maggie Mae, 1876 - 1955

William Friend, July 6, 1843 - November 13, 1912
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Lucinda Hart, mother, 1838 - 1917

Orville Ewing, 1908 - 1969

Richmond, Arthur E., 1897 - 1943
Mary, 1919 - 1919
Lile, 1899 - 1917

Birdie, daughter of J.D. & M.E. Hendershot, 1875 - 1877

Charlotte, wife of J.G. Hendershot, died June 9, 1885, 75y 11m 23d

Greenwalt, Jacob, father, died July 26, 1878, 65y 4
Treffena, wife & mother, died February 14, 1879, 65y 10m 16d
Daniel, died March 29, 1886, 59y 9

Calvin Hathaway, August 13, 1858 - December 4, 1906

Josephine Kleckner, October 4, 1859 - December 9, 1923

Hathaway, Harriet, wife & mother, died June 13, 1894, 73y 5m 8d
Zeba, father, died April 16, 1884, 63y 8m 21d

Reasoner, Infant
Elizabeth, wife, died December 24, 1890, 42y 2m 16d
Alfred, died August 28, 1925, 80y 8m 25d
Mary L., wife, died March 14, 1924, 50y 3m 23d

Sechler, Blanche, died August 22, 1882, 16 days
Violet, died October 4, 1896, 5m 19d
James, father, 1845 - 1910
Harriet A., wife & mother, 1853 - 1944

Sechler, Dora D., died March 26, 1926, 68 years
Henry, died August 27, 1931, 75 years
Clarence H., only son, died September 30, 1897, 7 years

Crom, Mary Bell, 1871 - 1934
Richard, died April 7, 1895, 60 years (flag)
Elizabeth Jane, wife,

Melissa C. Briggs, July 15, 1850 - July 10, 1901

MaCabe, Alice, 1855 - 1931

Brunson, Laura Jane, 1896 - 1919
Clara A., 1869 - 1953
Dr. Vincent, 1855 - 1939
Nathan, father, January 27, 1816 - December 2, 1896
Hanna, wife & mother, May 18, 1824 - June 22, 1900

Steel, Charley O., died Sept 21, 1877, 3y 3m 23d
Jetty W., died September 4, 1877, 5y 3m 7d
Ela, March 27, 1850 -
Lucy A., wife & mother, Oct. 14, 1849 - April 15, 1909

Mame Dean, 1853 - 1929

Dean

Mathews, Priscilla H., August 27, 1805 - December 28, 1898
J., died August 24, 1862, 64y 15d

Coburn, Henry W., 1830 - 1903, 73y 8d
Sophia, wife, 1838 - 1909

T.W. Nelson, father, died January 6, 1894, 40y 10m

Mother

Anna

Smith, Harrison H., 1832 - 1899
Jane, 1840 - 1914
Willie D., August 22, 1867 - December 24, 1875

Sechler, Levi, father, died March 14, 1886, 73y 8m 18d
Catherine A.M., sister, died January 4, 1908, 66y 8m 22d
Mary B., wife, died May 5, 1891, 73y 3m 5d

Sechler, Susanah, 1855 - 1934
William, father, 1844 - 1884
Rachel Nelson, wife & mother, 1845 - 1903
Minnie, daughter, 1882 - 1882, died January 28, 2 hours
Levi C., 1851 - 1927

Gee, Harlow J., father, April 19, 1827 - September 3, 1906
Lucinda M., wife, November 7, 1832 -

Magginis, Margaret E., August 31, 1861 - December 7, 1904
Henry W., September 6, 1861 - January 8, 1923

Henry T. Hathaway, 1863 - 1941

Rainier, Cecila, 1854 - 1932
Frank, 1848 - 1913

Woodcox, Byron A., father, 1843 - 1898, 55y 26d, (flag)
Co. B., 11 Reg. O.V.I.; Co. G., 35 Reg. I.V.I.
Emma, mother, 1845 - 1922, 77y 1m 1d

Floyd, Charles A., 1832 - 1898, Co. C., 30 Reg., I.V.I. (flag)
Maggie, wife, 1852 -
David, 1812 - 1897
Nancy, wife, 1813 - 1879

Widney, Joanna A. Brearley, wife, died October 3, 1875, 73y 8m 8d
Samuel, died February 1, 1878, 81Y 7m 8d
James, died July 30, 1876, 39y 6m 26d

Joseph C., son of J. & N. Widney, died August 28, 1878, 12y 8m 10d

Wilson D. Widney, died March 24, 1881, 25y 5m 3d

Sechler, Charles F., infant
M. Elmira, infant
Eula A., February 14, 1851 - February 27, 1911
Joseph R., September 14, 1854 - October 26, 1930
Franklin P., July 23, 1852 - October 19, 18812
Rudolph, father, December 27, 1808 - March 28, 1880
Hannah, mother, May 11, 1817 - August 9, 1878

Nelson, Thomas, died September 24, 1889, 78y 1m 10d
Margaret, wife,
Hugh, died July 22, 1842, 10m 18d
Sarah, died July 4, 1845, 2y 1m 5d
John, died November 11, 1850, 13y 7m 7d
Mary A., died April 26, 1858, 22y 11m 11d

Ella

Thomas, Hannah S., wife & mother, died August 23, 1881, 70 years
Jacob S., father, died July 16, 1893, 84y 3m 28d
Chockley, 1843 - 1862

Franklin, 1839 - 1863, buried Tenn., Co. H., 88 Ind.

Ella

Ruth

Patterson, Jennie, 1858 - 1930
Grace Catlett, daughter, 1884 - 1903

Ollie S., wife of James Scott, mother, April 19, 1867 - November 3, 1906

Alven Lesley Losure, died August 24, 1895, 18y 4m 10d

Elma Ruth Method, died November 29, 1931, 51y 6m 27d

Wyatt, Martha, 1839 - 1912
John W., died July 4, 1917, 84y 7m 6d
Elizabeth, died July 16, 1890, 40y 8m 28d

Swartz, George W., father, October 3, 1817 - August 25, 1891
Elizabeth, wife & mother, March 25, 1832 - September 4, 1905

Ruth, wife of S. Saylor, 1837 - 1895

Smith, Henry W., 1856 - 1911
Clara E., wife, 1861 - 19
Gladys, 1888 - 1890

Schovill, George E., April 16, 1862 - November 21, 1903
Mary Best, July 3, 1860 - March 19, 1934

Father
Mother

Leichty, Malcolm, 1862 - 1939
Bettie M., 1874 - 1961
Ida L., 1864 - 1926
Mabel, 1865 - 1912

Blood, Prudence G., 1878 - 1944
Otto A., 1868 - 1949
Otis S., 1842 - 1885 (flag)
Leah 1846 - 1923

Culler, Neff, 1846 - 1924
Daisey, 1883 - 1925

A.D. Hart (Dales) July 31, 1882 - February 18, 1904

Hart, J.E., died October 13, 1884, 27y 10m 8d
Ann Cahill, 1858 - 1924

Thatcher, Almon, 1862 - 1904
Myrtel, wife, 1867 - 1904

Griest, Benj. F., 1869 - 1964
Catherine N., 1872 - 1901

Taylor, Elmer J., 1892 - 1953, (Trainman Marker)
Mary E., 1898 - 19

May, Maud, 1871 - 1948
Edwin D., 1863 - 1954

McDannel, James, 1825 - 1904
Margaret, 1828 - 1902
Robert, 1850 - 1852
Thisbe, 1856 - 1889
John, 1861 - 1879
Laura, 1866 - 1872
Howard, 1868 - 1873
Mitchel, 1870 - 1873

Davis, Mary A., mother, died March 9, 1889, 78y 2m 14d
Joel, father, died September 1, 1887, 90y 10d

Ashleman, Moses, father, died August 15, 1888, 52y 2m 5d
Mollie, wife & mother, died May 25, 1885, 37y 5m 2d
Rollie A., 1870 - 1893, 23 years
Griest, B.F., (On Ashleman Stone)
Kittie, wife, 1872 - 1901, 29 years

Lawrence, Alva, March 30, 1812 - November 25, 1878
Arville Cole, wife, Oct. 13, 1812 - April 12, 1879

Culler, Mary L., 1847 - 1912
Samuel N., 1843 - 1907

Ivan Andress, 1883 - 1900

Scoville, William Elsworth, died August 1, 1883, 18y 9m 15d
Ross, died March 22, 1886, 2y 10m 12d
William H., father, 1840 - 1913
Mary, mother, 1838 - 1918

Scoville, Chas. Reign, 1869 - 1938
Arlene Dux,

Frances, wife of J. Smith, died February 20, 1890, 58y 7m 3d

Gladys

Leora, August 4, 1863 - December 3, 1892

Benninghoff, George, father, 1857 - 1916
Lillie, wife & mother, 1860 - 1922
Infant
Ruth, 1899 - 1902
Bertha, 1881 - 1887

Corp'l Chas. Robinson, Co. G., 16th Mich. Inf.

Coats, Noyce, died February 18, 1877, 55y 4m 23d, (flag)
Rebecca Culp, wife died April 13, 1881, 54y 8m 2d

George
Worth
Alice

Calkins, Thomas E., 1883 - 1943

Helen Coats, 1887 - 19

Quincy Fusselman, December 2, 1848 - December 22, 1911, (flag)

Jackson Andrews, March 2, 1832 - July 31, 1877

Hazel Krabill Miller, died 1946

Krabill, Ruby R., 1874 - 1954
Jacob F., 1864 - 1947

Dorothy R., born June 7

Tustison, Earl W., 1885 - 1967
Hazel Whitehurst, 1888 - 1958

Walter S. Whitehurst, Indiana Pvt., 125 Inf., 32 Div.
October 1, 1918, (flag)

Whitehurst, John, -father, 1854 - 1915
Mary M.,. wife & mother, 1857 - 1920
Jessie, 1885 - 1900
Mable, 1882 - 1900

Tustison, Catharine, died March 5, 1878, 53y 6m 1d
Washington, September 14, 1820 - December 21, 1878, 58y 3m 7d, (f

Platter, Catharine, -wife, died February 27, 1878, 42y 5m 7d
John, father, died October 28, 1880, 71y 11m
Emaline, wife & mother, died May 20, 1863, 46y 25d

Snively, Bunnie Roe, died September 21, 1876, 1y 11m 26d
Jessie Leona, died August 8, 1876, 3y 8m 17d

Dean, Walk, -father, 1824 - 1897, Co. F., 99 O., (flag)
George M., son W. & R., 1845 - 1877, Co. H., 174 O.V.I., (flag)

Amos Yohe, died March 17, 1876, 25y 7m 23d

Polly, wife of M. Bordner, died May 29, 1882, 67y 4m 14d

Brosius, Hazel, 1894 - 1908
Glen, 1893 - 1917
Clarence, 1831 - 1910

Curtis, F.M., 1839 - 1908
A.D., 1831 - 1910

Harmony, Jacob M., -father, died June 11, 1893, 88y 5m 25d
Susan, wife, died May 7, 1888, 76y 8m 7d

May, George, born Wilshire, England, April 6, 1827; died January 10, 1899
Mary A., wife, March 10, 1838 - November 10, 1899
NoraE., wife of E.R., Nov. 11, 1869 - Dec. 1, 1891
Goldie V., daughter of E.R. & U.E., 1889 - 1906

Platter, Arthur N., 1866 - 1951
Luella, wife, 1866 - 1897

Lizzie B., wife of Geo. F. DeLong, died May 17, 1882, 32y 4m 15d

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Emma, adopted daughter of G.C. & J.T. DeLong, died May 13, 1894,   11y   10m   22d

Blaker, Lena L., wife, September 14, 1879 - Feb. 3, 1908
         G.N.,          1868 - 1938,            (flag)
         Amanda, wife, February 11, 1866 - July 27, 1899

Nicholls, John,         1833 - 1895,            (flag)
           Maggie, wife,        1840 - 1913

Countryman, Ludwick,    1832 - 1903,       44 Regt., Co. E.,    (flag)
                Maria E.,       1851 - 1923
                Sherman, son, died August 24, 1880,       1y   2m   14d

Curtis, Willie Z, -son, died September 28, 1885,               19y   7m   25d
        Dory, infant
                Children of A.D. & E.M.

Ernest Brosius, 1889 - 1906

Eugene D. Curtis,       1869 - 1941

Abigail Dickinson, wife of Horace Curtis, born Glastonbury, Conn.,
                        March 24, 1806 - April 4, 1901

DeLong, Josephine, -wife,       1854 - 1916
           Geo. F.,             1844 - 1916,        Co. H.,   88 Vol.,   (GAR marker

Ulysses G., son of J.W. & H. Platter, died April 2, 1884,        20y   8m   7d

Prudence J., daughter of Mattie M. May, died January 28, 1887,  3y   9m   18d

Elba E., son of G. & M.A. May, died June 7, 1869,       2m   14d

Loomis, Drayton,        Co. F., 129 Ind. Inf.
          D.H.,                 1842 - 1917
          Mary A., wife,        1844 - 1905
          Matie, daughter,      1871 - 1877
          James, son,   1875 - 1877
          May, daughter,        1863 - 1863

Crooks, Nancy A., -wife, died January 8, 1878,          54y   6m   21d
          Wm., died June 6, 1883,                              64y   7m   24d,   (f

Bechtol, A.F.,
          Lulu, wife,           1875 - 1899
          Infant son,                1897

Samuel Hollinger,               1845 - 1926

Hollinger, John, September 16, 1812 - October 7, 1883,  father
             Elizabeth, wife & mother, April 1, 1816 - July 14, 1897

Stafford, Nathan,               1820 - 1895,            75 years
           Lucinda, wife,       1823 - 1878,            55 years

Griest, Marcelles,      1859 - 1909
        Anna, wife,     1848 - 1928

Bleeks, Ray,                    1874 - 1879
         Coren,         1876 - 1881
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Infant daughter, 1872
George W., 1847 - 19
Mary Tiffany, wife, 1847 - 1923
Father
Katie, wife of Jay B., 1872 - 1914

Olmsted, S., died August 12, 1882, 60y 6m 29d
Jane L., died August 26, 1872, 14y 2m 21d
Ralliena E., died April 6, 1876, 3m 19d

Irwin E., son of A. & M. Countryman, died September 21, 1888, 5y 19d

Countryman, Peter, -father, 1834 - 1913, 79 years, (flag)
Elizabeth, wife & mother, 1835 - 1905
Clarance, son, died January 8, 1877, 10m 16d

Marion
Ralston, (flag)
Father, (flag)
Mother
Mary
Jennie
William

Draper, A.M., -father, died April 29, 1891, 87y 24d
S.A., wife, died November 12, 1879, 61y 2m 2d
Harriet, daughter, died May 21, 1883, 24y 11m 20d

Wyatt, Nathan S., died April 10, 1885, 62y 10m 10d, father
Mary Ann, April 4, 1830 - February 20, 1900, mother

Lizzie I. Evans, died May 10, 1887, 26y 6m 15d

Archie N. Gelhausen, died May 30, 1886, 2y 20d, (same stone as Mable E. Ba

Mable E. Batt, died September 14, 1882, 4y 8m 11d, (same stone as Archie

Alvira, wife of H. Maxwell, died February 17, 1879, 65y 9m 27d

Bradley, Joseph, 1816 - 1865
Mary E., 1818 - 1897
Caroline, 1849 - 1874

P L S
Amelia, wife of W. Warner, died January 28, 1873, 57y 1m 14d
Mother

Hendershot, father, March 20, 1835 - February 18, 1913
Mother, October 1, 1843 - April 15, 1816

Clyde L., 1877 - 1947
Blanche, January 14, 1873 - October 8, 1899

Nannie C. Kosht, October 9, 1849 - July 11, 1910

Ryan, G.M., 1829 - 1902
Electa J., wife, 1833 - 1918

Humbarger, Mary, died June 15, 1889, 78 years mother
John, born April 30, 1806, father

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 Saylor, Lucrettia E., - daughte,   March 16, 1851 - October 27, 1852
         Elizabeth, wife & mother, died                        October 27, 1898;    6
         Henry, father, died                                   May 13, 1892;

Rex, Cora;              1872 -b 19
        William M.;     1864 - 1927

Kraft, Edward M. Jr. - father,  1870 - 1926
        Ina L., wife & mother,  1871 - 1966

Kraft, Edward,  - father,       1835 - 1914
        Henrietta, wife & mother,       1839 - 1870,
        Eliza A., wife & mother,        1846 - 1925

Coleman, Susan, - wife of C.P., died May 3, 1868,    62y   6d
                         Mother & Sister

Henrietta, wife of E. Kraft, died September 27, 1870,   31y   7m   1d

John R. Stager, died February 22, 1893,   20y   1m   8d
                     Stone erected by Hicksville Fire Dept.

Seely, Amzi,     died April 14, 1877,   72y    11m
        William, father,        1833 - 1923
        Elen, wife & mother, 1835 - 1913

Eber, Mathews,  1874 - 1895

Nelson, Fusselman,      Co. F.   129 Infd.   In.                          (flag)

Carmer, Thomas J.,      April 2, 1837 - June 13, 1905, father,
                Co. A.  I   New York Mounted Riffles            (flag)
           Malinda, wife & mother, July 24, 1852 - Nov. 27, 1906

Warford, Job    March 28, 1838 -                father,          (flag)
        Louvina, wife & mother,         Feb. 29, 1848 - Aug. 9, 1910

Warford, John   May 20, 1886 -  August 10, 1894
            Sarah,      May 13, 1879 - March 7, 1882

Lucy, wife of S.H. Hughs,  died April 13, 1881,   38y   11m   4d

Hornsburger, Isaac N., father, died                   June 6, 1892,              6
                Lucinda Lehman,  wife & mother, died  November 30, 1881,   55y   1m

Tarney, J.W.            1832 - 1904             71Y   7m   11d
          Elvira        1834 - 1886

Hemond D., son of N. & E. Chaffee, died August 1, 1881,    20y   12d

Lillie
Johnie

Edna, wife of J.M Loomis, 1871 -  1901

Wingard, Joseph         October 5, 1829 - August 23, 1905
            Maria, wife,        May 12, 1831 - July 16, 1913

Baron, Mable            1887 - 1906
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Emma 1860 - 19
William 1851 - 1921

Stepelton, Anthony 1826 - 1900 (War of 1861 - 1865)
Esther J., wife, 1836 -

Lettie M. Porter 1878 - 1899 (Same stone as following 5)

Chester C. Cochran 1877 - 1900 (Same stone as following 4)

Maxwell, Paul P. 1898
David 1838 - 1906
Ellen, his mother, 1811 - 1844
Sarah A. 1896 - 1936 (Same stone as above 5)

Chubb, Simon W. 1866 - 1922
Ida Best 1868 - 19
Dana March 27, 1900
Irvin F. 1896 - 1936

Cotrill, John - father, 1815 - 1891
Maria Brown, wife & mother, 1821 - 1889

Smith, Alfred 1863 - 1949
Olive 1871 - 1947
Audrey 1893 - 1894

Murray, D.H., died December 5, 1888, 55y 3
Christiana, wife, died March 19, 1890, 52y 6m 19d (Same stone as

Blue, O., died May 20, 1877, 32y 6m
Catherine Blue Faurot

Miller, Clara E., wife & mother, died March 14, 1887, 27y 4m 13d
Infant son March 10, 1887 - March 16, 1887
G.W. 1849 - 1930
Hutchins, Birney M. 1862 - 1924
Effie J. Hutchins Rogers 1867 - 1953
Infant daughter, Fern

Maude Leona Best, Jan. - Feb. 1898

Davis, John 1856 - 1939
Nancy 1862 - 1946
Mathews, N.H. - father, died March 19, 1886, 73y 1m 27d
Co. E. 44 Regt. Ind. Inf.
Mariah R., wife & mother, died July 4, 1887, 72y 3m 7d

Frank, son of Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Koch, 1884 - 1886)
) Sa
Grace, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W.A./ Rose 1869 - 1890)

Martha, wife of L. Baird, mother, mother, died January 18, 1883, 50y 1m 18d

Reuben (On back of above Baird monument)

Elizabeth Rogers, 1803 - 873, (On same stone with below)

Mary Stout, 1816 - 1907, (On same stone with above)

Cole, Lorin R., 1836 - 1908
Nancy M., 1838 - 1890

Ella Roberts, mother, 1866 - 1935

Henry Beree, died May 13, 1888, 44y 2m 13d, father

Loomis, Wm. 1861 - 1924
Sina, wife, 1868 - 1906

William A. I. Richmond, October 16, 1846 - November 27, 1906

Tomlinson, Blanche G., 1882 - 1963
Sam L. 1882 - 1956
Harold L. 1905 - 1906

Cole, A.J. 1861 - 1902
Sarah A., wife, August 26, 1860 - September 23, 1903

Harter, French P. 1873 - 1902
Eva R., wife, 1878 - 1898

Plattner, S.B. March 12, 1814 - March 27, 1895
Sophia December 19, 1823 - August 27, 1893

Plattner, Bertha L. 1870 - 1952
Henry S. 1869 - 1952

Sawyer, Phillip E. - father, 1853 - 1890
Mary O., their wife & mother, 1859 - 1929

Akins, Ann J. 1850 - 1923
Hollis B. 1852 - 1908

Miller, John W. father, 1835 - 1908
Arvilla - wife, 1850 - 1908

Losure, Peter M. 1860 - 1907
Mahala, wife, 1861 - 1917

Traxler, Elmer E. 1865 - 1939
Ida M. 1868 - 1949
Maxine 1907 - 1912

Roberts, David A. 1851 - 19
Huldah L., mother, 1856 - 1923
Ethel A., daughter, 1884 - 1902

Emily Zimmerman, 1846 - 1927

Blaker, Abraham H. 1831 - 1930
Celestia 1841 - 1900

Theresa Hall, 1862 - 1929

Preston 1868 - 1947

Roberts, Wm C. March 2, 1818 - September 14, 1888
Parillia B., wife, May 8, 1842 - March 8, 1911

Foster, Alexander 1844 - 1921
Nancy 1835 - 1922

Beree, Henry - father, died March 7, 1883, 83y 8m
Tarrathy, mother, died February 16, 1886 80y 8m 15d

Wyatt, Day father, 1865 - 1926
Rebecca O., wife & mother, 1875 - 1952
Minnie 1893 - 1916

Loren Saylor 1847 - 1912

Chilson, William R. 1811 - 1894
Sarah M. 1815 - 1896

Baker, Annie L. 1874 - 1938
Peters C. 1866 - 1924
Mabel B. May 17, 1903 - June 16, 1908
Iva T. died, April 18, 1906, 1m 15d

Hendershot, Harry E. 1863 - 1955
Eva M. 1858 - 1939

Farrah, Lovisa N., - sister, October 13, 1859 - July 17, 1909
Betsey, mother, May 14, 1833 - June 20, 1904

Lloyd A. Miller, Co. K 48 Ind. Inf.

Frank Fell, January 1, 1870 - June 4, 1905

Corp. Amos Fell, Co. B. 96 Ohio Inf. (flag)

Harter, Hugh 1842 - 1908, Co. G 142 Ind. Vo
Byancy, wife 1843 - 19

Chapman, Andrew E. 1866 - 1928
Inez N., (wife of A.E. Chapman & A.P. Bartholomew, Akins) 1874 - 1960

Akins, Frank 1877 - 1959
Marie 1876 - 1956

Daisey Akins 1885 - 1912

Bruce DeWayne Akins 1943 - 1944

Nelson N. Ayers 1876 - 1937

Tryon, Hattie L., - mother, 1850 - 1911
Clarissa, - sister, 1888 - 1906

Wyatt, Wesley W. 1871 - 1942
Mary E. 1871 - 1937

Dorothy E. Whitney 1931 - 1933

Shaffer, Henry 1861 - 1943
Martha A. 1862 - 1946

Bordner, Mary 1861 - 1938

Nancy 1871 - 1904
Elsworth 1869 - 1949

Andrew W. Johnson, died November 13, 1892, 40y 11m 15d

Mottinger, Michael - father, died August 22, 1881, 80y 11m 15d
Aurelia, wife & mother

Chilson, William R. 1811 - 1894) On the back of
Sarah M. 1815 - 1896) H. Hendershot Stone

Wirt L. Moody June 14, 1865 - July 18, 1895

Kain, Nettie E. 1884 - 1965
H.V. 1883 - 1915, Co. D 32 Inft. M N

William B. Brown son

Platter, John E. 1873 - 1952
Lena 1869 - 1956

Inhofe, Clara A. 1868 - 1951
Ora D. 1871 - 1951

Inhofe, Elijah - father, 1847 - 1930
Mary E., wife & mother, 1851 - 1910

Rodarmer, Timothy B. - father, January 10, 1851 - Oct. 14, 1917
Matilda J., - mother, August 9, 1852 - March 11, 1924
Cornelas B. November 3, 1874 - September 15, 1877

Cramer, David - father, 1852 - 1916
Sarah J., wife & mother, 1853 - 1914

Herma V. Click 1914, age 5 days

Blair, Benjamin F., father, Feb. 3, 1834 - May 25, 1908
Caroline A., wife & mother, Feb. 9, 1840 - Nov. 25, 1908
Belle May 8, 1866 - 1965
Don J. December 8, 1870 - July 2, 1956
Myrtle, wife of Don J., Jan. 27, 1876 - Jan. 1, 1942

Wildeson, Orlin 1858 - 1917
Mary E. 1859 - 1900

Bartlett, Silas H. 1825 - 1896, 71 years
Almira A. 1824 - 1899, 75 years
Sarah A. 1854 - 1935

Ayres, Lewis December 19, 1819 - December 29, 1899, Co. G O.V.I. 71 R
Delila C. January 2, 1842 - November 24, 1922

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Estella Sherman 1883 - 1928 mother

Sechler, William 1884 - 19
Beulah 1884 - 1954

Mason, A.H. - father, 1830 - 1909

Susan, wife & mother, 1841 - 1906

Brown, William - father, 1842 - 1926, Co. A 151 Reg. I.V.I.
Sylvia Staley, wife & mother, 1844 - 1917

Nicholls, Mary 1876 - 1965
Catherine A., wife, 1838 - 1933
Simon 1827 - 1907

Meek, William 1832 - 1912
Mary, wife, 1842 - 1912

Rex, George N. June 7, 1840 - May 10, 1910
Susa February 5, 1841 - January 22, 1923

Mathews, Hopa J. 1848 - 1880
Volney F. 1845 - 1928, Co. F 129 Ind.

Coleman, James J. August 4, 1845 - March 26, 1914
Josephine, wife, April 2, 1851 - January 18, 1911
Rose, Wm Alfred 1842 - 1908, 2nd Lieut., Co. F 44 Ind.
Celestine C., wif & mother, 1842 - 1912

Mildred Sebert McCann 1895 - 1940

Sebert, Frank 1872 - 1934
Jessie C. 1874 - 1939

Wyatt, William H. 1856 - 1926
Sarah C. 1863 - 1949
Clarence E. 1884 - 1929

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VETERANS BURIED IN EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Lewis Ayres
Alexander Bailey
Robert S. Bailey
Lewis Baird
Francis Bartlett
A. H. Blaker
Leroy H. Blood
Otis S. Blood
Uriah Blue
William Brown
Father Caldwell
Timothy Geo. Caldwell
Thomas J. Cramer
Adam Chubb
Noyce Coats
George Cottrell
Ludwick Countryman
Peter Countryman
Richard Crom
William Crooks

Alfred Delong
David Delong
George Delong
George F. Delong
Henry Delong
James C. Delong
John L. Delong
Solomon Delong
William DeMarenville
David Denman
Walker Denman
Amos C. Fell
Stephen Fell
Charles A. Floyd
William Friend
Nathen T. Fuller
Licester I. Fusselman
Nelson Fusselman
Quincy Fusselman
Lawrence M. Gibson
Daniel Greenwalt
Jacob Greenwalt
William Haite
Alfred w. Hall
Lansing Hall
Alexander Hart
Francis M. Hart
Joseph Hart
Hugh Harter
Harvey D. Hathaway
Lott Herrick
Benjamin F. Hull
Martin Hull
Elijah Innofe
Forrest Kain
H. V. Kain
Alfred Keyser
Samuel Likens
Drayton Loomis
Joseph Mason
N. H. Mathews
Robert Mathews
Hugh Maxwell
John Maxwell
William Meeks
Henry Melton
John Miller
Judson Moody
Frederick Morr
Jacob Myers
Harvey Nichols
S. Olmstead
Jacob Pressler
Ralston
Charles Robinson
George Rodarmer
William Rose
Samuel Saylor
Andrew Smith
George Smith

Levi Smith
Nelson Smith
Philander Smith
Isaac Snively
Frederick Stager
Anthony Stepelton
Chockley Weldon Thomas
Franklin Thomas
Washington Tustison
Dean Walker
George Walker
Job Warford
Walter Whitehurst
Joseph Widney
Rev. S. W. Widney
Byron Woodcox
Cornelius Woodcox
Elmore Wyatt
Phillip Yarnell
Raleigh Young
Wilson Young

1 Samuel Coburn b: Abt. 1700 in Windham, CT..........further pedigrees on LDS Anscestral File
. +Elizabeth Holt m: November 16, 1726 in Windham, Windham Co., CT b: Abt. 1703 in Andover, Essex Co., Mass.
...... 2 Ebenezer Coburn b: July 04, 1752 in of Scottish parentage, poss. born Windham, CT d: February 19, 1825 in Bristol, Ontario, New York
.... +Sybil Robinson m: November 22, 1777 in Poss. Windham, CT April 13, 1773.........see notes b: September 14, 1755 in of English descent, possible Windham, CT d: May 20, 1839
.... 3 Ebenezer Coburn b: July 05, 1778 in Windham, CT d: July 17, 1789
.... 3 Asher Coburn b: December 11, 1779
.... +Esther Whitney
.... 4 John Fitch Coburn b: July 22, 1806 in Ontario County, New York d: April 08, 1879 in DeKalb County, IN
.... +Minerva Twadell m: November 25, 1830 d: October 08, 1840
.... 5 Jacob O. Coburn b: Abt. 1832 in Trumbull County, Ohio d: in Died in a Rebel Prison during Civil War
.... 5 Laura E. Coburn b: Abt. 1834 in Trumbull County, Ohio
.... 5 Edwin R. Coburn b: Abt. 1836 in Trumbull County, Ohio
.... *2nd Wife of John Fitch Coburn:
.... +Abrada Matilda Gay m: July 18, 1841 in DeKalb County, IN
.... *3rd Wife of John Fitch Coburn:
.... +Betsey A. Wilmot m: April 20, 1852 b: June 07, 1812 in Portage County, Ohio d: in still living in 1885
.... 5 Wilmot P. Coburn
.... 4 Asher W. Coburn b: March 03, 1803 in Ontario County, New York d: July 11, 1874 in DeKalb County, IN
.... +Hannah Headley m: June 13, 1823 in Trumbull County, Ohio b: Abt. 1804 in Pennsylvania d: September 08, 1857 in DeKalb County, IN
.... 5 Phoebe Coburn b: August 27, 1825 in Trumbull County, Ohio d: November 22, 1900
.... +Jacob Dermott m: October 23, 1845 in DEKalb Co., IN b: May 16, 1824 in Schuylkill County, PA
.... 6 Charles M. Dermott
.... 6 Asher M. Dermott
.... 6 John E. Dermott
.... 6 Olive C. Dermott
.... 6 J. M. Dermott
.... 5 Roxanna Coburn b: August 06, 1829 in Trumbull County, Ohio d: 1896 in Newville, DeKalb County, IN
.... +Harvey Ackley d: in deceased by 1885
.... 5 Francis Coburn b: May 22, 1827 in Trumbull, Ohio d: July 06, 1872 in deceased by 1885 when father's bio was written
.... *2nd Wife of Asher W. Coburn:
.... +Susan Shull m: April 17, 1859 in DeKalb Co., IN b: in prob. a widow, named Shull.......maiden name might be "Newcomer"
.... 3 Joseph Coburn b: August 30, 1781 in Windham, CT
.... 3 Sibyl Coburn b: May 10, 1783 in Windham, CT
.... 3 Sally Coburn b: May 21, 1785 in Vermont
.... 3 Gurdon Coburn b: December 18, 1786 in Vermont d: August 17, 1872 in Muskegon, Michigan
.... +Cynthia b: Abt. 1791 in Vermont
.... 4 Ellery Coburn b: Abt. 1830 in Ohio
.... 4 Calvin James Coburn b: Abt. 1832 in Ohio or Ontario, New York
.... +Rachael Miller m: December 30, 1855 in DeKalb Co., IN
.... 3 James B. Coburn b: July 23, 1788 in Vermont
.... 3 Zervah Coburn b: March 30, 1790 in Vermont d: February 17, 1825
.... 3 Dorcus Coburn b: March 25, 1792 in Vermont d: August 12, 1811
.... 3 Ebenezer Coburn, Jr. b: October 08, 1794 in Burlington, Vermont..........or Pawlett, Rutland, VT?? d: August 09, 1847 in DeKalb County, IN
.... +Phoebe Henry m: September 13, 1813 in New York State d: July 01, 1815
.... 4 John H. Coburn d: in Deceased by 1885 when father's bio was written
.... *2nd Wife of Ebenezer Coburn, Jr.:

.... +Deliverance Wilson m: September 17, 1815 b: Abt. 1796 in Massachusetts d: May 14, 1864 in DeKalb County, IN
.... 4 Otis R. Coburn
.... 4 Russell G. Coburn b: August 08, 1825 in Ontario County, New York
.... +Mary Milliman m: July 06, 1845 b: Abt. 1825 in New York
.... 5 Augustus B. Coburn b: Abt. 1848
.... 5 Sarah J. Coburn b: March 16, 1850 in Concord Twp., DeKalb Co., IN
.... 5 Phoebe Eve Coburn
.... 5 Elsie Ann Coburn
.... 5 Mary E. Coburn
.... 5 Alva S. Coburn
.... 5 Warren W. Coburn
.... 5 Caroline E. Coburn
.... 5 Harriet A. Coburn
.... 4 Charles Marble Coburn b: November 21, 1827 in Trumbull County, Ohio
.... +Almira Milliman m: November 15, 1846 b: Abt. 1829 in New York
.... 5 Helen A. Coburn
.... 5 Emma A. Coburn
.... 5 William H. Coburn
.... 5 Charles Marcellus Coburn
.... 5 Otis B. Coburn
.... 5 Harriet E. Coburn d: in deceased by 1885
.... 5 Agnes B. Coburn d: in deceased by 1885
.... 5 Rosalie F. Coburn d: in deceased by 1885
.... 4 Henry W. Coburn b: March 15, 1830 in Trumbull County, Ohio d: in still living in 1885
.... +Sophia Mathews m: November 27, 1857 in DeKalb County, IN d: in still living in 1885
.... 4 Chauncey Coburn b: Abt. 1833
.... 4 Caroline Coburn b: Abt. 1837 in Ohio
.... 4 Phoebe H. Coburn
.... 4 William W. Coburn
.... 4 Eliza J. Coburn
.... 4 Anna A. Coburn
.... 3 Betsey Coburn b: November 06, 1796 in Pawlet, Rutland, Vermont

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Husband's Name

Ebenezer COBURN (AFN:C45Z-HQ) Pedigree

Born: 28 Jun 1752 **Place:** Windham, Windham, Connecticut
Christened: 4 Jul 1752 **Place:** Windham, Windham, Ct
Died: 19 Feb 1825 **Place:** Bristol, Ontario, New York
Married: 13 Apr 1773 **Place:**

Father: Samuel COBURN (AFN:KNDR-ZC) Family
Mother: Elizabeth HOLT (AFN:KNBZ-XS)

Wife's Name

Sybil ROBINSON (AFN:378S-G4) Pedigree

Born: 14 Sep 1755 **Place:** Windham, Windham, Ct
Died: 20 May 1839 **Place:**
Married: 13 Apr 1773 **Place:**

Father: Samuel ROBINSON (AFN:378Q-TQ) Family
Mother: Mary KIMBALL (AFN:378Q-VW)

Children

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1. **Sex Name**
M Ebenezer COBURN (AFN:QTB9-ZQ) Pedigree

Born: 8 Oct 1794 **Place:** Pawlet, Rutland, Vermont
Died: 9 Aug 1846 **Place:**

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2. **Sex Name**
F Dorcus (AFN:QTB9-XK) Pedigree

Born: 25 Mar 1792 **Place:** Pawlet, Rutland, Vermont
Died: 12 Aug 1811 **Place:**

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3. **Sex Name**
F Zervah COBURN (AFN:QTB9-WD) Pedigree

Born: 30 Mar 1790 **Place:** , , Vermont
Died: 17 Feb 1825 **Place:**

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4. **Sex Name**
F Sibyl COBURN (AFN:QTB9-RP) Pedigree

Born: 10 May 1783 **Place:** Windham, Windham, Conn.

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5. **Sex Name**
F Sally COBURN (AFN:QTB9-SV) Pedigree

Born: 21 May 1785 **Place:** , , Vermont

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6. **Sex Name**
M Ebenezer COBURN (AFN:QTB9-N6) Pedigree

Born: 5 Jul 1778 **Place:** Windham, Windham, Conn.
Died: 17 Jul 1789 **Place:**

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7. **Sex Name**
M James B. COBURN (AFN:QTB9-V7) Pedigree
Born: 23 Jul 1788 **Place:** , , Vermont

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8. **Sex Name**
M Joseph COBURN (AFN:QTB9-QJ) Pedigree
Born: 30 Aug 1781 **Place:** Windham, Windham, Conn.

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9. **Sex Name**
F Betsy COBURN (AFN:QTBB-0V) Pedigree
Born: 6 Nov 1796 **Place:** Pawlet, Rutland, Vermont

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10. **Sex Name**
M Asher COBURN (AFN:QTB9-PC) Pedigree
Born: 11 Dec 1779 **Place:** Windham, Windham, Conn.
Died: 9 Aug 1852 **Place:**

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11. **Sex Name**
M Gurden COBURN (AFN:QTB9-T2) Pedigree
Born: 18 Dec 1786 **Place:** , , Vermont
Died: 17 Aug 1872 **Place:** , Muskegon, Michigan

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Husband's Name

Asher Whitney COBURN (AFN:SPR0-DP)   Pedigree

Born: 3 Mar 1803   **Place:** Honeyoye, Ontario, Ny
Died: 11 Jul 1874   **Place:** Dekalb Co, Indiana
Buried: **Place:** Alton Cem, Newville, Dekalb Co, Indiana
Married: 13 Jun 1823   **Place:** Trumbull Co, Ohio

Father:
Mother:

Wife's Name

Hannah HEADLEY (AFN:SPR0-6N)   Pedigree

Born: 15 Jul 1804   **Place:** Pa
Died: 8 Sep 1857   **Place:**
Married: 13 Jun 1823   **Place:** Trumbull Co, Ohio

Father: Samuel HEADLEY (AFN:2HSP-30)   Family
Mother: Rachel (AFN:2HSP-45)

Children

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1. **Sex Name**
M Francis COBURN (AFN:SPR0-81)   Pedigree

Born: 22 May 1827   **Place:** Trumbull Co, Ohio
Died: 6 Jul 1872   **Place:**

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2. **Sex Name**
F Roxanna COBURN (AFN:SPR0-CJ)   Pedigree

Born: 6 Aug 1829   **Place:** Trumbull Co, Ohio
Died: 1896   **Place:** Newville, Dekalb, In

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3. **Sex Name**
F Phoebe COBURN (AFN:SPR1-M2)   Pedigree

Born: 27 Aug 1825   **Place:** Trumbull Co, Ohio
Died: 22 Nov 1900   **Place:**

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Biography of Henry H. Meek. Vol. II, pages 646 / 647. Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen; H.H. Hardesty, Publisher , New York, Toledo, and Chicago, 1894.

Henry H. Meek

Son of Isaac Meeks living and Phoeba (Coburn) Meek, deceased, was born Feb. 29, 1848, in Concord township, DeKalb county, Ind., but was living in Lagrange county, Ind., by occupation a farmer when he enlisted from Kendallville, Ind., at the age of 18 years in Co. A, 142d Ind. V. I., 20th A. C., as a private. He took part in the battle of Nashville and was detailed as cook July 20, 1865, for two months; also train guard Jan., 1865, for two months at that place. He was honorably discharged Aug. 18, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn. His grandfather, Ebenezer Coburn served in the Mexican and after its close settled in DeKalb county, Ind. His wife's grandfather served in the War of 1812 and settled in Wilmington township, DeKalb county, Ind., after its close. A brother, Wilson served in Co. C, 12th Ind. Cav. Two brothers of his wife were also in the late war, William enlisted in 1862, and was with Sherman on his March to the Sea; and James enlisted in 1864 in 152d Ind. V.I. Ccomrade Meek married Dec. 22, 1874, at Waterloo, Ind., Mary E. Bryan who was born in Franklin township, this county, Jan. 18, 1852. Her father, George Bryan, is living but her mother Armelia (Millard), is deceased. They have had three children, Owen A., Daisey M. and Leslie B. Comrade Meek received his education in Lagrange county, Ind., he is a charter member of J. C. Carnes Post in which he served as O.G. five years; J.V.C., two years; and is at present Adjt.; he also served two years as O. of D. He receives a pension, is a painter and his address is St. Joe, Ind.

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Biography of Ebenezer Coburn, pages 520 / 521. History of De Kalb County, Indiana. Inter-State Publishing Company, Chicago, 1885.

Ebenezer Coburn, deceased, was one of the most esteemed pioneers of De Kalb County. He was born in Vermont, Oct. 8, 1794, son of Ebenezer and Sybil (Robinson) Coburn, the former born July 4, 1752, of Scotch parentage, and the latter Sept. 14, 1755, of English descent. His parents were married Nov. 22, 1777, and when he was a child moved to New York State, where he grew to manhood. Sept. 13, 1813, he was married to Phoebe Henry, who died July 1, 1815. They had one child---John H., deceased. Sept. 17, 1815, he married Deliverance Wilson, and in the fall of 1827 moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, where he engaged in farming, and also worked at the shoemaker's trade. In 1835 he entered 160 acres of Government land in Concord Township, De Kalb County, Ind., and in August,1838, moved his family to their new home in the woods. He cleared and improved his land, remaining on it till his death, Aug. 9, 1847. His wife survived him till May 14, 1864. The had a family of ten children, six of whom are living---Otis R., Russell G., Charles M., Henry W., Chauncey, and Caroline. Phoebe H., William W., Eliza J., and Anna A., are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn were members of the Disciples church. In politics he was an old line Whig. He served his township as Justice of the Peace four years.

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Biography of Jacob Dermott, page 524. History of De Kalb County, Indiana. Inter-State Publishing Company, Chicago, 1885.

Jacob Dermott, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in Schuylkill County, Pa., May 16, 1824, a son of Peter and Hannah (Williams) Dermott. His father, a native of Ireland, came to the United States when a young man, and the latter a native of one of the Southern States of Welsh descent. When he was fifteen years of age his parents moved to Ohio, and settled in Paulding County. Two years later he went to Ft. Wayne, and for six years was engaged in the manufacture of chairs. In 1847 he bought eighty acres of unimproved land in Allen County, which he subsequently sold, and bought 160 acres of partially improved land in Concord Township, DeKalb County, which he exchanged about five years later for the farm where he now lives, which contains 120 acres of valuable land all under cultivation, and has since engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was married Oct. 23, 1845, to Phoebe Coburn, daughter of Asher Coburn, one of the first settlers of DeKalb County. They have had five children, four of whom are living---Asher M., John E., Olive C., and J.M. Their eldest son, Charles M., is deceased. Mrs. Dermott is a member of the Disciples church. In politics Mr. Dermott is a Democrat.

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Biography of John F. Coburn, pages 521 / 522. History De Kalb County, Indiana. Inter-State Publishing Company, Chicago, 1885.

John F. Coburn, deceased, one of the most prominent of the old pioneers, was born in Ontario County, N.Y., July 22, 1806, a son of Asher Coburn, and died in De Kalb County, Ind., April 8, 1879. He was ten years of age when his parents moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, and there he was reared on a frontier farm. Obtaining a practical education in the district schools, and by studying in his leisure hours. He learned the shoemaker's trade in his youth, and worked at it till his removal to De Kalb County, Ind., March 1, 1836. He entered 120 acres of Government land, which he began to clear and improved, and also worked at his trade. He was elected County Clerk and Recorder, the first in the county, and made an efficient officer. He was an active member of the Disciples church, and took a great interest in the cause of Christianity. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was married Nov. 25, 1830, to Minerva Twadell, who died Oct. 8, 1840. They had three children--- Jacob O., Laura E., and Edwin R.. The sons were both soldiers in the war of the Rebellion. Jacob O. died in a rebel prison. Edwin R. is now a resident of Dushville, Isabella Co., Mich. July 11, 1841, Mr. Couburn married Alzada M. Gay, who died March 28, 1850. April 20, 1852, he married Betsey A. Wilmot, a native of Portage County, Ohio, born June 7, 1812. The had one child---Wilmot P.. Mrs. Coburn and her son are living on the old homestead, which contains 160 acres of valuable land, under a good state of cultivation.

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1
Asher COBURN
B: 11 Dec 1779
Windham, Windham, Conn.
D: 9 Aug 1852

Family

2
Ebenezer COBURN
B: 28 Jun 1752
Windham, Windham, Connecticut
D: 19 Feb 1825
Bristol, Ontario, New York
M: 13 Apr 1773

Family

3
Sybil ROBINSON
B: 14 Sep 1755
Windham, Windham, Ct
D: 20 May 1839

4
Samuel COBURN
B: Abt 1700
Windham, Windham, Connecticut
M: 16 Nov 1726
Windham, Windham, Connecticut

Family

5
Elizabeth HOLT
B: 1703
Andover, Essex, Massachusetts
D: 5 Jun 1703
Andover, Essex, Massachusetts

6
Samuel ROBINSON
B: 6 Jul 1726
Windham, Windham, Ct
D: 11 Jun 1792
, Windham, Conn.
M: 2 Jan 1748-49
Windham, Windham, Ct

Family

7
Mary KIMBALL
B: 1729
Prob. Ipswich, Essex, Ma
D: 15 Dec 1791

8
Edward COLBURN
B: 4 Sep 1670
Beverely, Mass.
D: 1741
Concord, , Mass
M: 19 Mar 1694
Beverly, Essex, Ma

Family

9
Sarah HEYWARD
B: 19 Nov 1671
, Beverly, Essex, Massachusetts

10
George HOLT
B: 17 Mar 1677
Andover, Essex, Ma
D: 29 Jun 1748
Windham, Mass.
M: 10 May 1698
Andover, Essex, Massachusetts

Family

11
Elizabeth FARNHAM
B: 1672
Andover, Essex, Ma
D: 28 Sep 1714
Andover, Essex, Ma

12
Peter ROBINSON
B: 7 Dec 1697
Of, Tisbury, Dukes, Mass
D: 22 Mar 1785
Scotland Parish, Windham, Windham, Connecticut
M: 20 Jun 1725
Mansfield, Tolland, Connecticut

Family

13
Ruth FULLER
B: 12 Apr 1706
Preston, New London, Ct
D: 9 Jun 1795
Scotland, Windham, Connecticut

14
Richard KIMBALL
B: 17 Aug 1691
Ipswich, Ma
D: 1760
Windham, Windham, Ct
M: 11 Feb 1715
Ipswich, Essex, Ma

Family

15
Sarah BURLEY
B: 6 Oct 1698
Ispwich, Essex, Ma

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1 **Edward COLBURN**
B: 4 Sep 1670
Beverely, Mass.
D: 1741
Concord, , Mass
M: 19 Mar 1694
Beverly, Essex, Ma

Family

Sarah HEYWARD
B: 19 Nov 1671
, Beverly, Essex, Massachusetts

Family

2 **Robert COLBURN**
B: 1646
Ipswich, Essex, Ma
D: 17 Jun 1701
Concord, Middlesex, Massachusetts
M: 16 Mar 1669
Beverly, Essex, Ma

Family

3 **Mary BISHOP**
B: 12 Aug 1651
Chelmsford, Middlesex, Massachusetts
D: 1701

4 **Edward COLBORNE**
B: 1617/1618
, Wilts Co, England
D: 17 Feb 1700
Dracut, Middlesex, Massachusetts
M: 1641
Dracut, Middlesex, Ma

Family

5 **Hannah Coburn COLBURN**
B: 1620
Of, Ma
D: 1711/1712
Dracut, Middlesex Co, Ma

6 **Edward BISHOP**
B: 1620
, Salem, Essex, Massachusetts
D:
Salem, Essex, Massachusetts
M: 1644
Of Chelmsford, Essex, Mass.

Family

7 **Hannah MOORE**
B: 29 Dec 1644
Salem, Essex, Massachusetts
D: 16 Feb 1686
Salem, Essex, Massachusetts

8 **Benjamin COLBURNE**
B: 25 May 1589
, Dedham, Norfolk, Mass

Family

9 **(Mrs.Colburne)**
B: Abt 1589
<, Dedham, Norfolk, Mass>

10

Family

11

12

Family

13

14 **John MOORE**
B: 1614
Of Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut
D: 14 Sep 1677
Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut
M: 16 Jun 1637
Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut

Family

15 **Abigail PINNEY**
B: 1618
Of Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut
D: Aft 22 1677 Dec
Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut

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m.

Coburn, A.W., died July 10, 1874, 71y 4m 9d
Hannah, wife, died September 8, 1857, 53y 24d
Francis, son, died July 6, 1872, 45y 1m 14d

Coburn, Rev. John F., died April 8, 1879, 79y 8m 16d
Minerva, wife, died October 8, 1840, 33y 7d
Alzada, wife, died March 28, 1850, 39y 10m 13d
She is buried in the Auburn Cemetery
Betsy A., wife, died December 22, 1886, 74y 6m 15d
Jacob O., Sergt. Of Co. I, 6 Mich. Cal. Vol.,
died at Belleisle Prison, Va., March 8, 1864, 34y 5m 6d
Marth A., his wife, died in Napoleon, Jackson Co., Mich.
June 12, 1861, 27 years

Coburn, Ebenezer, died August 9, 1847, 53y 10m 1d (War of 1812 Marker)
---, wife, died November 13, 1861, 68y 8m 8d

Coburn, Wilmot P., 1857 - 1938
Sarah L., 1863 - 1932
Ralph E., 1890

Coburn, R. G., father, 1825 - 1912
Mary, wife & mother, 1824 - 1901

Alva S. Coburn, 1860 - 1927

Maxwell, Roy E., 1891 - 1968
Stella M., 1895 - 1940

Maxwell, William F., 1868 - 1930
Cora E., 1868 - 1948

Coburn, Viola 1907 - 19
Earl L., 1882 - 1951
Jessie 1885 - 1921
Wilbur C., 1906 - 1960, Veteran of World War II (flag)

Coburn, Calvin, 1854 - 1949
Alice, 1861 – 1935

Coburn, William R., father, 1825 - 1912
C. Lovesta, wife & mother, 1831 & 1906

Coburn, Floyd J., 1888 - 19
Opal, 1889 - 19
Phyllis, 1919 - 1919

Coburn, Harmon A., father, 1873 - 1923
Bertha M., mother, 1879 - 1934

Coburn, Mayme L., 1894 - 19
Lloyde L., 1891 - 19
Paul, son, 1918 - 1969

Coburn, C. M., November 21, 1827 - May 30, 1920,
Almira, wife, died, February 12, 1872, 43y 5m 10d
Harriet E., daughter, died, March 5, 1867, 19y 5m 17d
Agnes B., daughter, died, September 11, 1854, 1y 1m 15d
Rosalie F., daughter, died, Dec. 7, 1864, 13 years

Vern E. Coburn, 1894 - 1956

Coburn, William W., 1854 - 1907
Amanda 1851 - 1938

VETERANS BURIED IN ALTON CEMETERY

Daniel Abel

Henry Abel
David Andress
Ebenezer Coburn
J. O. Coburn
Otho Greenfield
Harold Inlow
Henry Milliman
J. M. Milliman
J. R. Milliman
Warren Milliman
Curtis Perry
Paul Perry
George Trostel
Owen Headley

Robert Wade

Arthur Woodcox

DeKalb Births

Carnahan, Abner	28 Sep 1857	Jackson Twp., DeKalb Co., IN
Carnahan, Soloma	31 Jan 1861	Perry Twp., Allen Co., IN

Carnahan, James	18 Mar 1852	Ashland Co., OH		Samuel, Nora
Dove, John S.	13 Oct 1863	DeKalb Co., IN	Della Dove	Frank, Melvin, Adolph, Hazel, Clinton, Lucile, Glen

Delucenay, Ellen
13 Sep 1851
France

Lewis, George, Pauline, Mary , Eugene

Friend, Catherine	13 Dec 1858	Stark Co., OH		Howard Becher
Gill, Ella Jane	9 Oct 1856	Concord Twp., DeKalb Co., IN		Ida
Gump, Henry M.	20 Aug 1862	Allen Co., (?)		Eva Mae, Lina, Josey, Louis
Houser, Henry	6 Apr 1857	DeKalb Co., IN	Anna Houser	Frank, Russel, Albert , Adyl, Harold, Glen, Nathan, Ethel, Erma, Fern
Nott, Ella	17 Feb 1862	DeKalb Co., IN		Josie, Bessie, Emma, William